

# TOWN *Report*

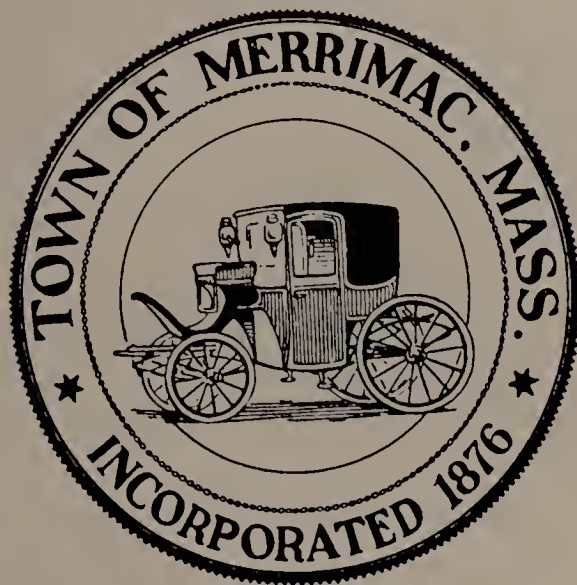


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Merrimec, Mossachusetts



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN *of* MERRIMAC  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,  
**1968**







# DIRECTORY OF TOWN OFFICERS

## MODERATOR

Robert L. Eckert

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wallace S. Carter, Chairman

John E. Flynn

Raymond P. David

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE To State Takeover July 1; 1968

Cecile C. Sargent, Chairman

Jean S. Stuart

Ubell D. Morgan

## ASSESSORS

J. Duncan How  
Milton E. Webster  
Joseph F. Dugas

Term Expires 1969  
Term Expires 1970  
Term Expires 1971

## TOWN CLERK

C. Howard Phillips

## TAX COLLECTOR

Wilfred G. Journey

## TOWN TREASURER

Roy C. Journey

## MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSIONERS

Robert K. Silvia	Term Expires 1969
John F. MacCarron	Term Expires 1970
Wilbur E. Wallace	Term Expires 1971

## MUNICIPAL WATER COMMISSIONERS

Robert K. Silvia	Term Expires 1969
John F. MacCarron	Term Expires 1970
Wilbur E. Wallace	Term Expires 1971

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Raymond R. Walton	Term Expires 1969
Eida V. Jervy	Term Expires 1969
Lloyd D. Crossman	Term Expires 1970
Rhoderick D. MacDonald	Term Expires 1971
Peter W. Tilton	Term Expires 1971

## TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY

Arthur R. Clark	Term Expires 1969
Alva W. Clark	Term Expires 1970
Merrill B. Smith	Term Expires 1971

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Bernard C. Bickum	Term Expires 1969
Eida V. Jervy	Term Expires 1969
Nancy C. MacGregor	Term Expires 1970
Robert L. Eckert	Term Expires 1970
Barbara N. Adams	Term Expires 1971
Charlotte P. Gulezian	Term Expires 1971

## TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

Robert L. Richardson	Term Expires 1969
Wallace P. Spencer	Term Expires 1970
Wallace S. Carter App't.	Term Expires 1969

## PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

Merrill B. Smith	Term Expires 1969
Michael J. McLaughlin	Term Expires 1970
Harold J. Hume	Term Expires 1971
Arthur R. Cloyd	Term Expires 1972
George J. P. Stevens	Term Expires 1973

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Arthur R. Cloyd	Term Expires 1969
Allen F. Stevens	Term Expires 1970
Arthur W. Hoyt	Term Expires 1971

## CONSTABLES

Wallace P. Spencer 1971

Francis J. Mathews 1971    Brian W. Peavey 1971

## CHIEF OF POLICE

Maurice Carey

## REGULAR POLICE OFFICERS

Maurice Carey	Francis J. Mathews
Bernard Connor	Arthur Evans

## SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Richard E. Sargent	Edgar P. Sargent
Wallace P. Spencer	

## TREE WARDEN

Mariner C. Benjamin - Resigned 4/5/68

Donald A. Dwyer - To Fill Unexpired Term

## PLANNING BOARD

Arnold W. Spofford	Term Expires	1969
Willard R. Davis	Term Expires	1970
James P. Glidden	Term Expires	1971
Clayton H. Sibley	Term Expires	1972
Peter F. Smiles	Term Expires	1973

## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Albert W. Lord

## DOG OFFICER

Robert A. Smith

## HEALTH NURSE

Elizabeth Pittman, R. N.

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Gertrude C. MacKenzie

## DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Alfred F. Pariseau	Resigned 9/30/68
William R. Mitchell	To Fill Term

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN

George R. Buzzell Retired 4/30/68  
Glen I. Blackden

## ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

George R. Buzzell	Retired 4/30/68	Richard J. Powers
Harold J. Hume	To Fill Term	Glen I. Blackden

## LEGAL COUNSEL

Louis A. Cyr

## APPEALS BOARD

Martin L. MacLeod	Resigned 7/9/68	Term Expires 1968
George E. Lucy		Term Expires 1969
A. Bruce MacGregor		Term Expires 1970
Norman F. Bishop		Term Expires 1970
Shirley Spencer		Term Expires 1971
David W. Goodwin		Term Expires 1971

Associate Members-Robert MacLeod  
George Dewhirst

## SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

FRED A. SMITH, Honorary	Albert W. Lord
DR. HARRY BLOTNER, Honorary	Merrill B. Smith
ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN, Honorary	Carl G. Olson
KENNETH HASKELL, Honorary	Robert H. Adams
Ronald C. Sarasin	Richard G. Noone
George J. P. Stevens	Clayton K. Turner, Sr.
Robert A. Smith	Albert B. Smith
Raymond P. David	Frank Danforth Retired
M. Lucille Gamelin - School Crossing	Roland Spinney
Leon L. Dow	Peter Tilton
Eleanor M. Williams - Sch. Crossing	William J. Burns
Rachael L. Adams - School Crossing	Wayne W. Brooks
Robert B. Jones - Schools	Carl Deminie
Brian Peavey	Norman Taylor
George R. Buzzell Retired 4/30/68	Paul Tilton
	David Sharkey

## FENCE VIEWERS

E. Palmer Sargent	Kenneth E. Haskell
John Carver	

## INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

George R. Hoyt

## GAS INSPECTOR

James H. Gleason

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

George D. Keller, Jr.

INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Frederick Ingraham

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Mariner C. Benjamin      Resigned 4/5/68

Donald W. Dwyer      To Fill Term

BURIAL AGENT

Harrison DeLong

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

Harrison DeLong

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Harrison DeLong

VETERANS' AGENT

Harrison DeLong

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Edgar D. Sargent	Term Expires 1969
Albert W. Lord	Term Expires 1970
Richard Sargent	Term Expires 1971

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

C. Howard Phillips	
Michael J. McLaughlin	Term Expires 1969
Cecil L. Dressler	Term Expires 1970
Edward C. Greeley	Term Expires 1971

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL

Harold Daniels



# VOTE FOR OFFICERS ANNUAL ELECTION

## March 4, 1968

Votes cast 757

Moderator, for one year:

Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main Street	658
Blanks	99

Town Clerk, for one year:

C. Howard Phillips, 48 Church Street	632
Dorothy A. Cloyd, 97 East Main Street	9
Blanks	116

Selectmen, for three years:

John E. Flynn, 10 Maple Street	652
Allen F. Stevens, 13 Winter Street	1
Blanks	104

Board of Public Welfare, for one year:

Ubell D. Morgan, Sunset Terrace	598
Cecile C. Sargent, Bear Hill Road	619
Jean S. Stuart, Sawyer Street	579
Ruth E. LeBel	3
Blanks	472

Assessor, for three years:

Harry A. Coe, 19 Summer Street	192
Joseph F. Dugas, 2 Propect Hill	251
Sebastiano J. Milardo, 61 East Main Street	49
Brian W. Peavey, 24 Summer Street	227
Blanks	38

Board of Health, for three years:

Arthur W. Hoyt, Birch Meadow Road	668
Blanks	89

Board of Health, for two years:

Robert J. Sayers, 15 Walnut Street	303
Allen F. Stevens, 13 Winter Street	375
Blanks	79

Board of Health, for on year:	
Arthur R. Cloyd, 97 East Main Street	547
Arthur D. Evans, 3 East Main Street	84
Cary L. Reynolds, 13 Pine Street	94
Blanks	32
Treasurer, for one year:	
Roy C. Journey, 10 Prospect Street	634
Blanks	123
School Committee, for three years:	
Donald E. Allen, 5 Pine Street	234
Rhoderick D. MacDonald, West Main Street	391
Richard W. Pearson, Colgan Road	298
Peter W. Tilton, 15 Summer Street	320
Blanks	271
Trustee of Cemteries, for three years:	
Merrill B. Smith, 37 East Main Street	657
Blanks	100
Library Trustees, for three years:	
Barbara N. Adams, 100 Church Street	568
Charlotte P. Gulezian, 12 West Main Street	587
Beverly J. Allen, 5 Pine Street	164
Blanks	195
Trustee of Kimball Park, for three years:	
Richard W. Pearson, Colgan Road	1
Maurice Carey, 16 High Street	1
Shirley Spencer, Birch Meadow Road	2
Merrill Smith, 37 East Main Street	1
Harold McInerney, 1 High Street	1
Francis Boyer, West Shore Road	1
Hazen Emery, Judkins Court	1
Wilbur Wallace, North Street	2
Frederick Ingraham, 85 West Main Street	1
Gordon Rines, 11 Main Street	1
Blanks	745
Light Commissioner, for three years:	
Wilbur E. Wallace, North Street	673
Blanks	120



Water Commissioner, for three years:	
Wilbur E. Wallace, North Street	632
Blanks	125

Constable, for three years:	
Francis J. Mathews, Emery Street	560
Wallace P. Spencer, 8 Winter Street	547
Brian W. Peavey, 24 Summer Street	362
Clayton K. Turner, Sr., 9 Union Street	315
Ronald Zinck, 30 Hadley Road	173
Blanks	314

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood & Bark, one Year:	
Richard W. Pearson, Colgan Road	2
Sebastiano J. Milardo, 61 East Main Street	1
Donald E. Allen, 5 Pine Street	1
Wallace P. Spencer, 8 Winter Street	3
Arthur Evans, 3 East Main Street	2
Milton H. Smith, River Road	1
Harold Waterhouse, Bear Hill Road	1
Harold McInerney, 1 High Street	1
Harold Hume, 48 School Street	1
George J. P. Stevens, Birch Meadow Road	1
Edgar D. Sargent, Bear Hill Road	1
James P. Glidden, River Road	2
Richard Sargent, Bear Hill Road	3
George Hoyt, Birch Meadow Road	1
Mariner Benjamin, East Main Street	3
Gordon Rines, 11 Main Street	1

Tree Warden, for one year:	
Mariner C. Benjamin, R47 East Main Street	440
Donald A. Dwyer, 1 Central Street	201
Sebastiano J. Milardo, 61 East Main Street	62
Blanks	54

Playground Commission, for five years:	
George J. P. Stevens, Birch Meadow Road	670
Blanks	87

Planning Board, for five years:	
Peter F. Smiles, 30 River Road	631
Blanks	126

## Question No. 1

Shall certain provisions of Chapter Thirty-Two B of the General Laws, authorizing any county, city, town or district to provide a plan of contributory group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and group general or blanket hospital, surgical and medical insurance for certain persons in the service of such county, city, town or district and their dependents, be accepted by this town?

No - 250    Yes - 297    Blanks - 210

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the past year the Planning Board approved fifteen applications for new homes, one new bank building and, numerous applications for residential garages and renovations to existing structures. The level of activity was similar to preceding years.

The Planning Board believes that the townspeople should be aware that the impact of route 495 is beginning to build momentum along the entire length of the new road. State and Federal officials feel that within the next few years considerable industrial development will occur in most communities along the highway.

In order to be prepared for this development and the benefit to our tax base which may result, it will be necessary for Merrimac to protect its industrial assets in order to have them available for potential industrial builders. The Light Industrial Zone was established for this purpose in 1965.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter F. Smiles, Chairman  
Arnold W. Spofford, Secretary  
Willard R. Davis  
James P. Glidden  
Clayton H. Sibley

Planning Board  
Town of Merrimac

The following JURY LIST for the calendar year beginning July 1, 1968 has been prepared by the MERRIMAC BOARD OF SELECTMEN in compliance with Chapter 234, Section 4, of the General Laws and adopted June 30, 1968:

ATKINS, Gilbert N. West Shore Road	Western Electric
BAIRD, Dora C. 30 School Street	Western Electric
BATCHELDER, William L. 107 East Main Street	Mass. D.P.W.
BESSEY, Arthur B. 51 Locust Street	Western Electric
BILLUPS, Charles Birch Meadow Road	Haverhill Gas Company
BOUCHER, Fernand E. 40 River Road	Draftsman
BRIDGES, William H. 10 Winter Street	Lineman
BUCKLEY, George D. Emery Street	Western Electric
CARTER, Gertrude B. 17 Prospect Street	I. R. S.
CHAFF, Thomas H. 6 High Street	Retired
CHRISTIE, James J. 12 Vendome Street	Supervisor
CLARK, Grace L. 102 River Road	Secretary
COE, Harry A. 19 Summer Street	Architect
COLE, Virginia N. Locust Street	At home
CONNOR, Clifford 107 East Main Street	Western Electric
COTE, Nelson A. Merrimac Street	Sales Manager
CURRY, George U. 32 River Road	Electrical Engineer
DEUPLISEA, Arthur H. Bear Hill Road	Manager
DUGAS, Joseph F. 2 Prospect Hill	Contractor
FLYNN, James A. 62 Church Street	Postal Clerk

FRAZIER, Frances N. 1 Summer Street	Secretary
HARDIE, George P. Orchard Street	Machinist
HART, Clifford R. 9 Summer Street	Western Electric
HILL Winifred N. 8 Liberty Street	At home
JONES, Robert B. 24 Nichols Street	Custodian
KIMBALL, Donald S. 90 East Main Street	Retired
LAVALLEY, Forrest M. 30 East Main Street	Insurance Agent
LUCY, George E. Emery Street	Retired
MACLEOD, Martin L. 79 River Road	New England Telephone Co.
LUND, Inez N. 34 High Street	At home
O'KEEFE, George F. 32 Summer Street	Western Electric
OJDOWSKY, Frank M. Fern Avenue	Insurance Agent
RANDALL, Kenneth E. 8 Pleasant Street	Civil Engineer
SIBLEY, Clayton H. 10 High Street	Surveyor, Comm. of Mass.
SOUTHER, C. Phillips 28 Middle Road	Supervisor
SPOFFORD, Ellen S. 41 Main Street	Secretary
SUTHERLAND, Richard C. Highland Road	Auditor
TWIST, Carroll E. 27 Pleasant Street	Technical Aide
WILLIAMS, Kenneth J., Jr. 23 Union Street	Lineman

WALLACE S. CARTER  
RAYMOND P. DAVID  
JOHN E. FLYNN  
Merrimac Board of Selectmen



## MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM

Emergency Fire Alarm Telephone Number 6-2211

Emergency phone 6-2211 should be used for fire calls only.  
If for any reason line is out of order, dial operator and ask for  
EMERGENCY OPERATOR.

In all cases give your name and exact location of fire.

### 3-3 Chief's Call

- 4 Former Mass. Northeastern Bus Garage, East Main Street
- 5 Merrimac Square
- 12 Locust Street, corner of Green Street
- 13 Main Street, opposite Forest Street
- 14 Main Street, near residence of Mrs. William H. Franklin
- 15 Birchmeadow Rd. and Main St., to Haverhill-Merrimac Line
- 16 Woodland and Grove Street
- 17 School and Pleasant Streets
- 18 School and Mill Streets
- 21 East Main Street, opposite Skip's Snack Bar
- 23 East Main Street, near residence of William F. Acorn
- 24 Church Street, opposite Maple Street
- 25 Liberty and Mechanics Streets
- 26 Summer and Prospect Streets
- 27 Church Street, near residence of Richard Powers
- 28 Sawyer and Nichols Streets
- 31 Pleasant Street, Merrimacport
- 32 Merrimac Street, near Middle Road
- 34 Merrimac Street, Merrimacport
- 35 High St., Merrimacport, near Merrimac Brass Foundry
- 36 Merrimac and Broad Streets, Merrimacport
- 41 Lower East Main Street, Lake Attitash entrance
- 42 Lake Attitash Park at Fern Avenue
- 43 Emery Street at Burnside
- 51 Locust and Walnut Streets
- 52 Lower Locust Street, to Merrimac-Haverhill line
- 62 Birchmeadow Rd., and Hadley District, Telephone-NoBox
- 71 Bear Hill Rd. to Newton, N.H. line, Telephone -No Box
- 72 West Shore, Lake Attitash, Telephone - No Box
- 74 Dance Hall, Lake Attitash, Telephone -NoBox-Call 6-2211
- 121 Nativity Church, Green Street
- 132 Elementary School - Union Street
- 271 Elementary School - Church Street
- 2 Recall - All Out - Also All Clear Air Raid

## NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Station  
WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 a.m. 11 - 11 - 11 - No school all day.

## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

John E. Flynn was re-elected to a three year term of Selectman at the annual election in March, 1968 and the Board organized for the year as follows: Wallace S. Carter, Chairman; Raymond P. David, Clerk; and, John E. Flynn, third member.

At the 1968 annual town election it was voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 32B, General Laws to pay one half the premiums for Blue Cross - Blue Shield hospitalization and life insurance premiums for town employees.

Town meeting action in February established a separate Board of Health. In previous years the Board of Selectmen also served as the Board of Health. The first report of this new Board of Health appears elsewhere in this book.

At a special town meeting held on September 26th zoning by-law changes were defeated by one of the best attended town meetings in the history of the town. Also, at this meeting, money was appropriated for construction of municipal parking lots. Two lots were soon completed, one lot at the rear of the First Baptist Church, Church Street, and another lot at the rear of Town Hall.

In September the Water Pollution Control Commission issued "Orders" to the Town of Merrimac to answer a complaint of polluting Cobblers Brook. The "Consent Order" was not signed by the Selectmen and subsequently, the above commission issued an order by which the Selectmen agreed to hold a special town meeting, prior to the annual town meeting of March, 1969, for the purpose of acquiring a site for sewage treatment facilities. A special town meeting was held on November 21 to comply with this Consent Order.

In December the Board accepted a loan from Housing and Urban Development Commission (HUD) in the amount of \$59,900 for final plans and specifications for sewage treatment facilities. The loan is to be repaid at the time of construction.

In April George R. Buzzell retired as chief of the fire department. Harold J. Hume was appointed a fire engineer to fill the vacancy and Glen I. Blackden, engineer, was named fire chief. In June a new fire truck was accepted for the town.

During the year the Selectmen signed building permits for fifteen new homes for an estimated valuation of \$228,000 and a commercial bank building.

In addition to the weekly Selectmen's meetings we have had numerous meetings with department heads and with the Finance Committee for discussions and recommendations pertaining to town business.

We wish to thank the citizens of Merrimac and all town officials for their interest and cooperation extended to us in our work during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wallace S. Carter, Chairman

Raymond P. David, Clerk

John E. Flynn

Board of Selectmen



## REPORT OF PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

To the Town of Merrimac:

The year of 1968, under the chairmanship of George Stevens and Clerk James Hume was a most progressive and successful year. The completion of the chain link fences at the Little League field for safety precaution was voted upon and accepted. Both fields were re-worked and filled with clays. The large field underwent a complete new facing. Our supervised play program opened up the second week in July and continued for six complete weeks of recreation under the Supervision of Miss Nancy Hamel, with the assistance of Miss Cora Gamlin, Kevin Burns and Stephen Noury. The registration of the children on the first day totaled 285. The average daily attendance was 75 to 90 children ranging in age from 6 to 15 years of age. Games of all types were played daily and enjoyed by the children, participation was close to 100%. Under the direction of Miss Hamel, the children also put on a few musical shows that were enjoyed by the grown ups that attended, as well as the children themselves. The children were also instructed in the use of arts and handicraft work.

In conclusion the commissioners would like to express their appreciation to the Merrimac Lions Club, for their year round support.

Respectfully Submitted,

GEORGE P. STEVENS, Chairman  
JAMES HUME, Clerk  
MERRILL B. SMITH  
ARTHUR CLOYD  
M. J. MCLAUGHLIN

## REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The water Department last year spent many worried hours patching the system at the pumping station and well field. One specific instance occurred in August when the vacuum line and water pump became airborne and it was impossible to pump water for fourteen hours. The Department is concerned because it is impossible to make permanent repairs and still supply the town with water.



The Department has taken steps to prevent emergencies whenever possible. An industrial propane gas engine with a power take off has been installed in case of power failures to enable the department to pump manually and to generate enough current for lights and furnace.

Numerous complaints of rusty water prompted the department to have John Boyle test 13 wells that had been troublesome in the past. Two wells were shut off on account of bad odor and color, and the other eleven wells were found to have some odor and color.

E. D. Ward our consulting engineer and E. G. Denk, engineer from Calgon Company are now studying methods of treatment to eliminate in the most economical way, high content of iron and magnese. On Dec. 10th we increased the amount of T. G. 10 Calgon from eight pounds to twelve pounds in a effort to improve the situation.

Mr. Ward strongly urges the development of our second source of water supply and connecting pipe lines as a first priority followed by increased storage facilities.

During the past year the department has installed approximately one mile of 8" transite pipe with the cost borne by the contractor; installed three gate valves; installed twenty one new services and replaced seven services; installed three new hydrants and replaced four hydrants; and exercised, checked and painted hydrants.

#### EXPENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION:

Gate Valves	\$	850.40	
Emergency Engine-Pumping Sta.		<u>2,242.80</u>	\$ 3,093.20

#### EXPENDED FOR OPERATIONS:

Maintenance and Repair	\$11,432.82
Fuel and Power	4,596.98
Materials and Supplies	2,739.47
Superintendent's Salary	2,623.28
Hydrants	2,011.69
Office Salaries	1,474.92
Office Expense	1,219.38
Truck Expense	1,172.39
Station Wages	850.05
Meter Reading	841.67

Insurance	769.70	
Tools	457.79	
Commissioners's Salaries	150.00	
Miscellaneous	265.99	
Total Expended for Operations		\$30,606.13
Unexpended Balance		3,705.87

## MONTHLY PUMPING REPORT FOR 1968

Month	Gallons Pumped	Hours Worked
January	8,447,000	368
February	7,191,000	326
March	8,084,000	350
April	7,947,000	346
May	8,548,000	364
June	8,852,000	370
July	11,074,000	437
August	9,940,000	410
September	8,930,000	362
October	9,315,000	392
November	8,341,000	351
December	10,306,000	428
	<u>106,975,000</u>	<u>4504</u>

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$34,312.00</u>	\$34,312.00
Water Revenue Collected	33,123.28	
Water Misc. Collected	1,695.25	
Water Meter Rental Collected	1,771.75	
Water in Town Buildings	<u>449.72</u>	
		\$37,040.00

## BALANCE SHEET

### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Rates	3,735.67	
Other	<u>814.19</u>	
Revenue reserved until collected		4,549.86

Respectfully submitted,  
WILBUR E. WALLACE  
JOHN F. MCCARRON  
ROBERT K. SILVIA  
Water Commissioners

## REPORT OF THE FIRE ENGINEERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1968.

Number of alarms	82
Assistance received from other communities	5
Assistance rendered other communities	4
Deaths resulting from fire	1

The new thousand gallon pumper was delivered in June and we are very pleased with it's performance.

We wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Officers and men of the Fire Department, the Chief and officers of the Police Department and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts for their co-operation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN I. BLACKDEN  
RICHARD J. POWERS  
HAROLD J. HUME  
Board of Fire Engineers

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library present their report for the year 1968, their ninety-second annual report.

Monthly circulations were as follows:

January	961	July	862
February	1125	August	845
March	1379	September	1195
April	1048	October	1252
May	1162	November	1090
June	1122	December	892

Total number of volumes borrowed was 12,933. Of these 3,340 were non-fiction and 3,642 were juvenile. We borrowed

2,757 books from the Regional Library situated in North Reading of which 729 were fiction, 287 non-fiction, 174 juveniles and the rest went to the Elementary and the Red Oak Schools. The trustees purchased 483 books, of which 184 were adult fiction, 131 adult non-fiction, 27 teen-age fiction, 54 juvenile fiction and 69 juvenile non-fiction. Gift books numbered 55, for which we are grateful to the donors. Total fines collected and turned over to the town treasurer were \$249.75.

A new set of encyclopedia was added to our shelves, as were new sets of "Popular Science" and "Land and People." Our library is being used more and more for reference work, and it is not unusual to find a full house between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Eighty seven new subscribers have been added to our register. One hundred Paperbacks of the Classics were purchased. We have the start of a record collection, thanks to donations from record companies, and our film strip viewer is in almost constant use, especially by the youngsters.

Mrs. Velma Hargraves resigned in January. Mrs. Margaret Casazza and Mrs. Betty Doliber have been added to our staff.

Longer hours have been started Thursdays on a trial basis. The Library is now open from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. instead of 2:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. This has been done at request of adults who would like a time of the day, in which the youngsters are in school, for their own library time.

Respectfully submitted,

EIDA V. JERVEY  
BARBARA N. ADAMS  
ROBERT L. ECKERT  
CHARLOTTE P. GULEZIAN  
NANCY C. MACGREGOR  
BERNARD C. BICKUM



## REPORT OF THE LIGHT BOARD

The past year the Merrimac Light Department continued its program of updating the system proceeding at a moderate pace going into the last stages for completion of the program initiated in 1964.

The new sub-station at Burnside Lane was energized January 28, 1968 and the Department is more than satisfied with its performance.

Since then a study of coordination of the system was begun and is nearly complete to sectionalize the town in four quarters, readings are taken to set the voltage ban and are fused accordingly to coincide with reclosures. Lighting arrestors will have to be added throughout the Town as well as a few capacitors to this phase of the system.

The last and less urgent phase of the program is to remove twenty two miles of #6 primaries. Construct a line from Milton Smith residence to Locust Street giving us the third feeder to the center of town. The Department will continue its program at a rate to keep ahead of the demand for supply.

The Department is trying to build its electric load by offering exceptional good programs to the public, including the best rates in this vicinity. The Department urges the public to inquire about electric cooking, total electric living, hot water, yard lights, and flood lights.

Merrimac Light Department, a member of the Municipal Association, is continuing its efforts to purchase power at a lower rate which will be passed on to the consumer.

### SALES:

Residential	\$128,898.43
Commercial	33,074.40
Industrial	24,118.87
Public Street Lights	8,551.43
Town Buildings	3,095.16
Rentals	860.26
Mdse and Jobbing	692.31
Interest Income	648.89
Sales of Scrap	6,100.43

Purchased Power                      \$ 90,271.24

## MAINTENANCE:

Overhead Lines	22,098.30
Street Lights	4,697.85
Station	3,272.68
Meter	2,946.97
Distribution	1,267.79
Improvements to plant&Equip	19,559.64
Depreciation	12,028.23
Customer Records	8,448.86
Administration Salary	6,325.16
Office Supplies and Expenses	2,859.07
Material and Supplies	2,692.13
Property Insurance	2,660.97
Transportation Expense	2,362.50
Installation Allowance	1,820.00
General Shop Expense	986.97
Meter Reading	864.76
Standby	780.00
Outside Services	397.90
Commissioners' Salaries	150.00
Miscellaneous	262.35
	<u>\$186,753.37</u>

Excess of Income over  
Costs and Expenses

19,286.81  
\$206,040.18

\$206,040.18

## RETURNED TO THE TOWN IN 1968:

Lights in Town Buildings	3,095.16
Street Lights	8,551.43
	<u>\$ 11,646.59</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR E. WALLACE  
JOHN F. MCCARRON  
ROBERT K. SILVIA

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

We, the Board of Appeals, herein submit our report of activities performed for the year 1968:

The Board of Appeals received and heard nine petitions at public hearings - seven variances were granted, one was denied and one was withdrawn by the Petitioner.

It was the opinion of the majority of the Board of Appeals that the decisions referred to above represented the best interest of the Town and were in compliance with the intent of the Zoning By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. LUCY, Chairman  
DAVID. W. GOODWIN  
A. BRUCE MACGREGOR  
NORMAN F. BISHOP  
SHIRLEY H. SPENCER  
Board of Appeals

GEORGE R. DEWHIRST  
ROBERT D. MACLEOD  
Associate Members  
Board of Appeals

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have made the following calls and inspections and issued the following licenses for the year 1968.

Licenses for the sale of Oleomargarine	3
Store licenses for the sale of milk	12
Vehicle licenses for the sale of milk	11

A total of 26 licenses at 50¢. Total \$13.00 and turned over to Treasurer.

Number of barns inspected	31
Number of cattle inspected	293
Number of swine inspected	0
Number of horses inspected	59
Number of goats inspected	3
Inspection of division of livestock Diseases Control	2
Check of cattle from out of state	2
Animals quarantined	0
Inspections made in conjunction with S. P. C. A. Inspt	2

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. HOYT  
Inspector of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1968:

### BIRTHS:

Number of births recorded	53
Males	24
Females	29
Father, Native Born	52
Mother, Native Born	52
Father and Mother, both Native Born	51
Father and Mother, both Foreign Born	0
Mixed Parentage	2

### MARRIAGES:

Number of Marriages recorded	59
First Marriage of Groom	49
First Marriage of Bride	50
Groom, Native Born	56
Bride, Native Born	57



Groom, Foreign Born	3
Bride, Foreign Born	2
Average age of Groom - 25 years, 4 month, 6 days	
Average age of Bride - 22 years, 2 months, 3 days	

#### DEATHS:

Number of deaths recorded	23
Males	14
Females	9
Under five years	1
Males, Native Born	22
Females, Native Born	22
Of Native Parentage	16
Of Mixed Parentage	7
Average Age - 66 years, 5 months, 12 days	
Oldest Person - 86 years	

#### LICENSES:

Number of Dogs Licenses	229
Males	217
Females	12
Kennel Licenses	1
Sporting Licenses Issued	194
Minor's Sporting Licenses Issued	12

Respectfully submitted,

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS  
Town Clerk

### REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the  
Town of Merrimac:

I hereby submit the following report of your local  
Civil Defense Agency's activities for the year ending December  
31, 1968.

Your Director and, Deputy Director, Mr. Stuart  
Mitchell attended the monthly sector meetings at Lawrence  
and quarterly area meetings at Tewksbury.

The communications group under the direction of Mr.  
Saunders participated in weekly and monthly communication

drills.

Although I have been your Director for only a short time, I would like to thank the various Town Departments and the citizens of the Town of Merrimac, for their assistance in the carrying out of my duties as Civil Defense Director.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. MITCHELL  
Civil Defense Director

## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is my annual report of activities for the year ending December 31, 1968.

### ACTIVITIES

- 30 Annual Income Questionnaires.
- 54 Pension and Compensation applications, inquires, and related correspondence
- 10 Applications, Grave Markers, Burial Allowances, and correspondence
- 2 Pensions, re-instated, suspended, and changed to new Pension Law
- 11 Inquiries, Dental Treatment
- 9 Medicare, information and inquires
- 2 Applications War Orphan Education
- 16 Home Loan Applications
- 11 Statements of Income
- 21 Hospitalizations, inquires, and information thereto
- 10 Social Security applications, and related matter
- 7 Insurance inquiries
- 27 Information on new G.I. Bill
- 8 Power of Attorney
- 5 Real Estate Tax Applications
- 8 Cases referred to other Departments and Agencies
- 3 Veterans Preference
- 5 Information on Scholarships

1 Rehabilitation Program  
8 Medical Reports  
7 Certificates of Service  
3 Verification of Disability  
3 Decorations, Ribbons, and Medals  
6 Applications for Home Town Medical, and Out Patient  
Treatment  
7 Assistance, Medical Prescriptions  
22 Applications and Inquiries Educational Benefits  
125 Mass. Viet Nam Bonus applications distributed, assistance  
rendered as requested  
Grave Markers and flags were distributed as needed.

As Veterans' Agent I have taken applications for benefits, allowed justified payments, issued vouchers, issued food orders, obtained authorizations, and maintained records. I have filed required reports with the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, Boston, Mass.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and other Town Departments for their co-operation this past year. As Burial Agent I wish to express my appreciation to the Cemetery Trustee for setting aside a section of the Locust Grove Cemetery for the burial of Veterans in need of a lot.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRISON S. DELONG  
Director of Veterans' Services

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year 1968. The Board was organized this year as follows:

J. Duncan How, Chairman  
Milton E. Webster, Clerk  
Joseph F. Dugas, Member

The following is a recapitulation of appropriations and estimated income of the Town which was used in computing the 1968 tax rate of \$53.00.

## 1968 RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriation	\$1,047,343.50	
Other Amounts to be Raised	11,804.42	
County Tax and Assessments	19,407.12	
State Recreation Areas	2,871.42	
Audit Municipal Accounts	105.29	
Mosquito Control Projects	3,576.63	
Motor Vehicle Tax Bills	383.55	
State Assessment System	149.32	
Overlay for 1968	43,293.53	
<b>GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$1,128,934.78</b>

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1968 Estimated Receipts - Local		
Aid & Agency Funds	264,790.57	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	81,609.00	
Licenses	12,500.00	
Fines	441.00	
General Government	1,988.00	
Protection of Persons & Property	109.00	
Health & Sanitation	384.00	
Libraries	198.00	
Public Service Enterprises	34,500.00	
Cemeteries	2,483.00	
Interest	2,951.00	
Farm Animal, Machinery & Equipment	214.00	
Misc. Receipts	2,971.00	
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>405,138.57</b>	
<b>AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>	<b>60,843.59</b>	<b>465,982.16</b>
<b>NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY</b>		
<b>TAXATION ON PROPERTY</b>		<b>\$ 662,952.62</b>

Tax Rate \$53.00 per M  
     School Tax \$39.13  
     General Tax \$13.87

Personal Property Valuation	\$ 448,110.00	
Real Estate Valuation	12,060,430.00	
Total Valuation	\$12,508,540.00	
Total Taxes Levies on Property		\$ 662,952.62
Value of Automobiles	\$ 1,530,235.00	
Number of automobiles	2362	



Number Dealer-Repair-Farm	14
Number of horses	14
Number of cows	167
Number of other animal	8
Number of fowl	150
Number houses	1061
Number of acres of land	4109

An Act, providing a tax exemption for certain qualifying elderly persons, passed by the Legislature in 1964 was amended in 1966, allowing an exemption of \$350.00 in taxes or \$4,000 in valuation, whichever is the greater.

Under this Act, 90 were exempt for a total of \$28,657.54 on a valuation of \$540,708.

Veteran exemptions allowed under General Laws Ch.59, Sec. 5, Clause 22 totaled 45 exempt for a total of \$4,770 on a valuation of \$90,000.

Widows exemptions allowed under General Laws Ch.59, Sec. 5, Clause 17 totaled 4 exempt for a total of \$424. on a valuation of \$8000.

We wish to thank the honorable Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and all officials of this Town for their fine cooperation extended to us during 1968. We also wish to publicly express appreciation to the State Bureaus of Local Assessment and Taxation for their assistance and advisement during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DUNCAN HOW, Chairman  
MILTON E. WEBSTER, Clerk  
JOSEPH F. DUGAS, Member

## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The balances, receipts and disbursements for the year 1968 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1968	\$ 352,066.71	
Receipts to January 1, 1969	<u>1,968,628.19</u>	\$2,320,694.90

Payments on Warrants	\$2,157,146.26	
Balance, January 1, 1969	<u>163,548.64</u>	\$2,320,694.90

Respectfully submitted,

ROY C. JOURNEAY  
Town Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts:

I hereby submit my annual report of the activities of the Police Department for the year 1968.

The case load of the Police Department last year has almost doubled the case load of 1967. Crime across the nation has increased 19%. In view of this I would like to take this opportunity to ask you parents, what are your children doing riding around in cars late at night and early hours in the morning, when they should be home in bed. DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR TEENAGER IS AFTER 10P.M. OR WHAT THEY ARE DOING? Let me tell you some of the things they are doing: Stealing cars, burning them, slashing tires, using filthy language to young girls, stealing from people they work for, offering marijuana to young people, breaking and entering and larceny, vandalism etc. and drinking is a big factor in the above crimes.

Not until you parents control your children, and stop leaving their bringing up to Schools, Churches and the Police will the crime rate abate.

Traffic regulations and orders have been sent to the state for approval and will be in effect after being published in the paper. These traffic regulations will be strictly enforced and the citizens of Merrimac are asked to cooperate in obeying them. This year two parking lots were opened for use by the motoring public and we ask you to use them,

especially if you park for a longer period than one hour.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Complaints investigated	1,570
Motor Vehicle accidents investigated	108
Injured in motor vehicle accidents	75
Number of motor vehicles involved in accidents	159
Messages delivered	99
Articles and animals reported lost	85
Missing persons reported	26
Assistance to other Departments	73
Ambulance assistance rendered	40
Assistance to ill or injured	66
Funeral escorts furnished	6
Doors and windows found unsecured (secured)	63
Poles and wires reported down	9
Lights left burning (stores and public buildings)	14
Reports of fires investigated, alarms answered	78
Reports of Vandalism	107
Summons served for out-of-town Departments	119
Warrants served for out-of-town Departments	3
Days at District Court (Chief)	95
Days at District Court (Officers)	102
Days at Superior Court (Chief)	18
Days at Superior Court (Officers)	21

## NUMBER OF ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1968

Female - Residents	2
Male - Residents	29
Female - Non Residents	7
Male - Non Residents	68
TOTAL	106

Motor Vehicle Violations, Warnings	1
Motor Vehicle Violations, Complaints	31
Jurors Drawn	6

## DISPOSITION OF CRIMES

DRUNK: Number, 17; Fines, 14; Filed, 3; Appealed, 3; Total  
Fines, \$180.00

DISTURBANCE OF THE PEACE: Number, 3; Fines, 1;  
Discharged, 1; H. O. C., 30 days

ASSAULT & BATTERY: Number, 4; Discharged, 1;  
Probation, 1; H.O.C., 6 mos.  
ASSAULT WITH DANG. WEAP.: Number, 1; Probation, 1;  
Y.S.B.  
ARMED ROBBERY: Number, 1; Grand Jury, 1  
VIOL. OF PROBATION: Number, 1; Jailed  
OPER. NO LIC.: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Appealed, 1; Total  
Fines, \$10.00  
OPER. NO REGISTRATION: Number, 2; Fines, 1; Filed, 1;  
Total Fines, \$10.00  
OPER. W/O VALID LICENSE: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Total  
Fines, \$10.00  
OPER. M/V IMPROP. REG: Number, 1; Probation, 1  
ALL. OPER. UNREG. M/V: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Total  
Fines, \$25.00  
ALL. OPER. UNINS. M/V: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Total  
Fines, \$100.00  
OPER. M/V IN VIOL. OF COMP. INS. LAW: Number, 1;  
Probation, 1  
OPER. AFTER RIGHTS T/O SUSP.: Number, 1; Cont.  
OPER. RECKLESSLY: Number, 2; Fines, 1; Discharged, 1;  
Total Fines, \$35.00  
DRIV. AFTER REVOCATION: Number, 1; Discharged, 1  
OPER. NO INSP. STICKER: Number, 3; Fines, 3; Total  
Fines, \$25.00  
OPER. SO AS TO ENDANGER: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Total  
Fines, \$35.00  
OPER. NO LIC. IN POSS.: Number, 2; Fines, 1; Filed, 1;  
Total Fines, \$10.00  
OPER. NO REG. IN POSS.: Number, 2; Fines, 1; Filed, 1;  
Total Fines, \$10.00  
ALLOW. IMP. PER. TO OPER.: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Total  
Fines, \$25.00  
OPER. UNREG. M/V: Number, 3; Fines, 2; Total Fines, \$100  
OPER. UNINSURED M/V: Number, 3; Fines, 3; Total Fines,  
\$300.  
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF M/V: Number, 1; Fines, 1;  
Appealed, 1; Total Fines, \$25.00  
OPER. UNDER INFL. OF INT. LIQ.: Number, 12; Fines, 10;  
Dismissed, 1; Discharged, 1; Appealed, 1; Total  
Fines, \$570.00; H.O.C., 30 days  
LEFT OF WAY: Number, 14; Fines, 13; Filed, 1; Total  
Fines, \$125.00  
SPEEDING: Number, 13; Fines, 13; Total Fines, \$220.00  
MINORS TRANS. OF AL. BEV.: Number, 3; Fines, 2;  
Discharged, 1; Appealed, 1; Total Fines, \$75.00



MINORS IN POSS. OF AL. BEV.: Number, 8; Fines, 3;  
 Dismissed, 1; Discharged, 1; Total Fines, \$125.00;  
 2 Cont. w/o/f/ 1 default  
 FURN. AL. BEV. TO MINORS: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Total  
 Fines, \$25.00  
 PURCHASING AL. BEV. FOR MIN.: Number, 2; Fines, 2;  
 Appealed, 2; Total Fines, \$50.00  
 IMPROPER STARTING: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Total Fines, \$10.  
 REFU. TO STOP FOR A P.O.: Number, 2; Fines, 1; Appealed,  
 1; Probation, 1; Grand Jury, 1; 1 year  
 FAIL. TO DISPLAY INSP. STICK.: Number, 2; Fines, 2;  
 Total Fines, \$20.00  
 LEAV. SCENE AFTER PROP. DAM.: Number, 3; Fines, 2;  
 Filed, 1; Appealed, 1; Total Fines, \$75.00  
 DEFECTIVE EQUI P: Number, 2; Fines, 1; Filed, 1; Total  
 Fines, \$10.00  
 RESISTING ARREST: Number, 1; H.O.C., 30 days  
 MAL. DAM. TO PROP.: Number, 2; Probation, 1; H.O.C.,  
 1 month  
 B & E & L: Number, 2; Probation, 2; Y.S.B.  
 B & E & IN NIGHTTIME & ATT. LARCENY: Number, 1;  
 Probation, 1  
 INDESCENT EXPOSURE: Number, 1; Probation, 1  
 DEL. CHILD: Number, 2; Probation, 2  
 STUBBORN CHILD: Number, 1; Dismissed, 1  
 HABITUAL RUNAWAY: Number, 1; Y.S.B.  
 HABITUAL TRUANT: Number, 4; Discharged, 3; Y.S.B. &  
 Prob.

I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, His  
 Honor Judge Salvatore Faraci, Associate Justice F. Leslie  
 Viccaro, the Clerk of Court, the Probation Officers, the  
 Amesbury Police and Fire Departments, the Officers and men  
 of the Merrimac Fire Department, the Superintendant of  
 Highway, Light and Water Departments, the Director of Civil  
 Defense and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac for their  
 cooperation during the year 1968.

I would like to especially thank Joseph Dugas and  
 Frank Sowick for joining the "100" Club of Massachusetts.  
 This club protects the families of Firemen and Policemen who  
 are killed in line of duty up to \$15,000. It costs these men

\$250.00 per year for membership and I know I speak for the Police and Firemen in thanking you "Joe" and "Frank" for this great civic gift.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE CAREY  
Chief of Police

## REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac:

I have inspected and passed 92 permits for Gas fitting and installation. There have been no violations in 1968. Although corrections have been made, to meet the requirements of the gas regulatory Board. The installers have been most co-operative.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. GLEASON  
Gas Inspector

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Health submits the following report for the year 1968:

The Board was organized this year as:

Arthur R. Cloyd, Chairman  
Allen F. Stevens, Clerk  
Arthur W. Hoyt, Member

There were 43 complaints received and investigated by the Board. Frederick Ingraham was re-appointed Disposal Inspector for the Town. The members also attended meetings of the Mass. Northeast Boards of Health and the Merrimack

Valley Health Planning Council.

The Board wishes to acknowledge the help and assistance given them by the Selectmen in the transfer of duties to the new Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR R. CLOYD, Chairman  
ALLEN F. STEVENS, Clerk  
ARTHUR W. HOYT, Member  
Board of Health

REPORT OF TOWN NURSE				
	Patients	Miles	Money	Calls
January	8	37	\$ 25.00	22
February	5	30	16.00	15
March	5	61	16.00	14
April	6	37	14.00	16
May	9	81	14.00	18
June	9	50	30.00	32
July	15	119	48.00	71
August	15	183	47.00	58
September	14	107	70.00	52
October	17	148	47.50	73
November	13	64	14.00	35
December	9	44	17.00	23
TOTALS	125	961	\$358.50	429

Clinics held and persons vaccinated

Polio	69
Smallpox	53
Measles	18
DPT	17
DT	1
Tine Test	31
Flu Clinic	23

T. B. Tine Testing program's have been carried out in the schools with positive reactors followed up. X-Rays arranged for those needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELIZABETH PITTMAN, R. N.

## REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby report that I have caught, confined, and disposed of dogs as set forth below:

MALE		FEMALE	
Jan. 3, 1968	\$15.00	Feb. 16, 1968	\$15.00
Jan. 5, 1968	15.00	Mar. 23, 1968	15.00
Jan. 15, 1968	15.00	Mar. 25, 1968	15.00
Jan. 17, 1968	15.00	Mar. 26, 1968	15.00
May 15, 1968	15.00	Oct. 13, 1968	15.00
Nov. 5, 1968	15.00	Oct. 14, 1968	15.00
Dec. 4, 1968	15.00	Oct. 23, 1968	15.00
Dec. 9, 1968	15.00	Nov. 18, 1968	15.00
	<u>\$120.00</u>		<u>\$120.00</u>

I have also returned many dogs to their owners.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT A. SMITH  
Dog Officer

## REPORT OF THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts

Due to the fact that as of July 1, 1968 the reorganization of the Welfare system by the State of Massachusetts became effective, the duties of all Boards of Public Welfare terminated as of that date.

However, the current Board very generously had agreed to run for the elective offices and being duly elected served as a Board of Public Welfare for the first six months of the year of 1968.

During this period of time there was much to be done to prepare for the take over but it was all accomplished very satisfactorily with the co-operation of the Board and the Staff, and on July 1st, 1968, the Merrimac Welfare Department became the Merrimac Welfare Service Office, operated by the



Massachusetts State Department.

The office and Staff remained at their present location in the Town Office and continued to carry on the administration of all public Welfare programs.

A brief report on the financial status of the Local Department as of July 1, 1968 will be found on the following page of this report.

This then will be the last report to the Town of Merrimac from the Welfare Department.

Once again our thanks for the privilege of working for and with the people of the Town of Merrimac, and for the co-operation and courtesy extended to us by all Town Officials and other personnel of the Town.

Respectfully submitted

DOROTHY B. EMMERT  
Director

## REPORT FOR PERIOD 1/1/68 THRU 6/30/68

Total Expenditures in all Categories	\$100,831.25
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## Balances as of July 1, 1968

	US Grant	Town Approp.
Old Age Assistance	1,398.98	0
Old Age Assistance Admx.	1,629.34	0
Medical Assistance	20,395.96	0
Medical Assistance Admx.	583.88	0
Aid to Families with Dependent Children	2,938.80	0
Aid to Families with Dependent Children Admx.	2,794.86	0
Disability Assistance	450.37	0
Disability Assistance Admx.	1,133.88	0

General Relief	1,368.49
General Relief Admx.	27.07

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY B. EMMERT  
Director

## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I submit my report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1968.

I wish to thank the various officials and citizens for their cooperation during the past year.

1968	Commitment	Uncollected	
Real Estate	\$640,717.01	\$67,426.04	.105%
Personal Property	23,749.83	2,112.33	.088%
Automobile Excise	92,097.79	11,266.02	.12%

\* includes \$8986.06 committed in November and December.

1967			
Real Estate	\$602,945.10	\$12,218.22	2%
Personal	23,943.87	991.44	4%
Excise	89,689.58	2,399.70	2 1/2%

1966			
Excise	\$ 82,560.23	\$ 529.94	.006%
Personal	17,083.76	707.65	.042%

The early commitment of Real Estate taxes increased collections and this is reflected in the improved free cash position of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED G. JOURNEY  
Collector of Taxes

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with provisions of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I hereby submit the following report of the Accountant's department, first expressing my appreciation for the cooperation and courteous assistance rendered by you and all other Town Officials in complying with the requirements of our system. I also wish to thank the Department of Corporations and Taxation, Bureau of Accounts for the advice and courtesy they have extended to me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE C. MACKENZIE  
Town Accountant

### RECEIPTS

#### GENERAL REVENUE

##### TAXES:

###### Current Year:

Personal, Real Estate	\$555,684.83
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###### Previous Years:

Personal	2,067.63
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Real	72,829.99
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Tax Title Redemptions	3,841.33
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Business & Corporations Tax	48.44
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State Tax Basis	47,806.03
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TOTAL FROM TAXES	<u>682,278.25</u>
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##### LICENSES & PERMITS:

Trailer Park Fees	9,708.00
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Liquor Licenses	2,100.00
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Gas, Wiring, Plumbing, Sewerage	1,235.20
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All Other	883.50
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##### FINES & FORFEITS:

Court Fines	506.00
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Dog Fees	465.00
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TOTAL LICENSES & FINES	<u>14,897.70</u>
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# PRIVILEGES:

Excise 1968	76,217.42	
Excise 1967	10,822.50	
Excise 1966	1,383.27	
Excise 1965	94.34	
Excise 1964	7.70	
Excise 1963	34.11	
Excise 1962	110.00	
Excise 1961	116.33	
TOTAL PRIVILEGES		88,785.67

# FARM ANIMAL EXCISES:

1968	89.33	
1967	71.75	
TOTAL FARM ANIMAL EXCISES		161.08

# INTEREST:

1968	324.68	
1967	2,336.94	
1966	359.71	
1965	49.05	
1964	1.54	
1963	5.78	
1962	11.44	
1961	20.63	
Adv. Costs, Recordings&Releases	201.75	
TOTAL INTERESTS & ADV. ETC.		3,311.52

TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	\$789,434.22
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# COMMERCIAL REVENUE

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Rent of Offices	2,171.72	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		2,171.72

# PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:

Gun Permits	166.00	
I. D. Cards	226.00	
Bicycle Plates	12.75	
TOTAL PROTECTION		404.75



HEALTH:

Nurse Fees	288.50	
Vaccine Programs	25.00	
Ambulance Service	466.30	
TOTAL HEALTH		779.80

HIGHWAYS:

Chapter 90 Construction-County	3,736.14	
Chapter 90 Construction-State	7,472.27	
Chapter 90 Maintenance State	999.23	
Chapter 81 Maintenance State	9,075.00	
Chapter 616 Maintenance State	2,757.40	
Road Machinery Basis	2,095.30	
TOTAL HIGHWAYS		26,135.34

VETERANS BENEFITS:

State	2,086.76	
TOTAL VET. BENEFITS		2,086.76

CHARITIES:

General Relief:		
State	488.24	
TOTAL GENERAL RELIEF		488.24

Aid to F/W Dependent Children:

U S Grant	6,824.00	
U S Grant Admx.	1,080.64	
State	3,966.28	
State Admx.	633.34	
Individual Refunds	2,255.00	
TOTAL AID TO F/W DEP. CHILDREN		14,759.26

Disability Assistance:

U S Grant	1,350.00	
U S Grant Admx.	792.94	
State	178.11	
State Admx.	254.00	
TOTAL DIS. ASSISTANCE		2,575.05

Medical Assistance:

U S Grant	30,039.39	
U S Grant Admx.	389.27	
State	24,881.20	
State Admx.	346.84	
Individual Refunds	245.54	

Recoveries	228.83	
TOTAL MED. ASSISTANCE	<u>          </u>	56,131.07
Old Age Assistance:		
U S Grant	8,806.65	
U S Grant Admx.	1,527.09	
State	5,786.50	
State Admx.	975.71	
Individual Refunds	69.45	
Recoveries	1,963.90	
Meal Tax	2,406.74	
TOTAL OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	<u>          </u>	21,536.04
TOTAL CHARITIES		\$ 95,489.66
SCHOOLS:		
Lunch Program - State	7,257.55	
Lunch Program - Town	18,347.47	
State Reimb. Const. Ch. 645	33,157.16	
State Aid Ch. 70	130,984.50	
Vocational Tuition & Transpor.	7,037.69	
Special Education Ch. 69&71	4,024.00	
Public Law 874	3,991.00	
Public Law 8-180-220	10,786.00	
Rental Red Oak Gym.	10.00	
TOTAL SCHOOL	<u>          </u>	215,595.37
LIBRARY:		
Fines	253.80	
Dog Refund	325.27	
State Aid	815.25	
Interest Trust Funds	281.26	
TOTAL LIBRARY	<u>          </u>	1,675.58
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Light:		
Sales of Light	172,902.33	
Sales of Power	23,434.16	
Sales of Misc.	9,823.28	
Sales Tax	29.97	
Consumer Deposits	1,655.00	
TOTAL LIGHT	<u>          </u>	207,844.74
Water:		
Rates	33,573.00	
Misc. Sales	1,695.25	
Meter Fund	1,767.75	

TOTAL WATER		37,036.00
CEMETERIES:		
Sale of Lots	170.00	
- Annual Care of Lots	387.00	
Perpetual Care of Lots	2,190.00	
Openings, Etc.	1,527.08	
Interest Trust Funds	3,448.68	
Interest H. Robinson Lot	67.50	
TOTAL CEMETERIES	<u>          </u>	<u>7,790.26</u>
TOTAL COMMERCIAL REVENUE		597,009.98
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS		
Tailings	200.90	
Indian Head Park Fees	572.00	
Kimball Park Withdrawal	50.00	
Light Depreciation withdrawal	38,702.38	
Federal Withholding Tax	54,716.12	
State Withholding Tax	9,269.56	
State Withholding Tax Retention	62.46	
State Sales Tax Retention	.62	
Various Refunds	5,421.94	
Interest Consumer Deposit	159.86	
Interest Water Meter Fund	39.35	
Interest General Cash	2,137.50	
Revenue Loans	123,163.23	
Revenue Loans Discount	1,836.77	
Cerificates of Deposit	200,000.00	
Cerificates of Deposit Interest	851.30	
Treasury Bills & Interest	125,000.00	
Fire Truck Bond Issue	20,000.00	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	<u>          </u>	<u>582,183.99</u>
TOTAL GENERAL, COMMERCIAL, AND		
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		1,968,628.19
CASH BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 1968		<u>352,066.71</u>
		\$2,320,694.90

# EXPENDITURES

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

### MODERATOR:

Salary	\$ 12.00	
	<hr/>	12.00

### FINANCE BOARD:

Printing & Postage	196.20	
Clerical Asst.	50.00	
Other	20.00	
	<hr/>	266.20

### SELECTMEN:

Salaries	900.00	
Clerical Asst.	1,352.14	
Printing & Postage	272.25	
Other	557.34	
	<hr/>	3,081.73

### ACCOUNTANT:

Salary	5,512.00	
Clerical Asst.	297.77	
Other	99.40	
	<hr/>	5,909.17

### TREASURER:

Salary	1,200.00	
Clerical Asst.	193.05	
Printing & Postage	73.15	
Other	1,770.45	
	<hr/>	3,236.65

### TAX COLLECTOR:

Salary	2,500.00	
Clerical Asst.	193.05	
Printing & Postage	696.66	
Other	294.60	
	<hr/>	3,684.31

### ASSESSORS:

Salaries	1,600.00	
Clerical Asst.	1,588.00	
Printing & Postage	181.50	



Other	<u>1,583.20</u>	4,952.70
LEGAL SUITS & EXPENSE:		
Salary	750.00	
Expense	<u>350.00</u>	1,100.00
TOWN CLERK:		
Salary	600.00	
Printing & Postage	397.63	
Other	<u>69.13</u>	1,066.76
REGISTRARS:		
Salaries	250.00	
Expense	201.85	
Census Taker	<u>400.00</u>	851.85
ELECTION OFFICERS:		
Wages	747.88	
Expense	<u>61.44</u>	809.32
PLANNING BOARD:		
Clerical Asst.	25.00	
Other	<u>54.00</u>	79.00
BOARD OF APPEALS:		
Clerical Asst.	35.00	
Expense	<u>34.20</u>	69.20
BONDING TOWN OFFICERS:	<u>558.00</u>	558.00
TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE:		
Janitor Salary	840.00	
Openings	120.00	
Fuel	1,277.11	
Oil Burner	200.00	
Janitor Supplies	7.62	

Other	<u>483.27</u>	2,928.00
TOWN HALL REPAIRS:		
Repairs	373.94	
Fuel	<u>177.30</u>	551.24
LIGHTING IN TOWN BUILDINGS:	<u>3,095.16</u>	3,095.16
WATER IN TOWN BUILDINGS:	<u>449.72</u>	<u>449.72</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 32,701.01

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

POLICE:		
Salaries:		
Chief	6,980.00	
Sergeant	6,119.80	
Patrol	10,319.42	
Clerk	1,526.65	
Specials	4,592.36	
Uniforms	795.69	
Office Supplies	287.64	
Telephone	660.20	
Cruiser Expense	2,570.23	
Other	433.39	
Lock-Up Service	<u>500.00</u>	34,785.38
PORTABLE RADIO UNIT FOR POLICE:	<u>657.00</u>	657.00
FIRE ENGINEERS SALARIES:	<u>650.00</u>	650.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT:		
Wages	3,883.30	
Truck Maintenance	405.64	
Building Maintenance	503.62	
Equipment Maintenance	906.06	

Fire Alarm	816.47	
Fuel	490.59	
Gas & Oil	286.84	
Other	<u>135.32</u>	7,527.84
NEW FIRE TRUCK - BOND ISSUE:	<u>20,000.00</u>	20,000.00
NEW FIRE TRUCK EXPENSE:	<u>1,950.00</u>	1,950.00
PLANS FOR HOUSING FIRE & HIGH- WAY DEPARTMENTS	<u>275.00</u>	275.00
FOREST FIRE WARDEN:	<u>199.94</u>	199.94
INSPECTOR OF OIL BURNERS:		
Salary	150.00	
Expense	<u>50.00</u>	200.00
INSPECTOR OF GAS:		
Salary	350.00	
Expense	<u>75.00</u>	425.00
INSPECTOR OF WIRING		
Salary	350.00	
Expense	<u>50.00</u>	400.00
INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING:	<u>300.00</u>	300.00
INSPECTOR OF SEWERAGE:	<u>300.00</u>	300.00
DOG OFFICER:		
Salary	200.00	
Expense	<u>272.00</u>	472.00

CIVIL DEFENSE:

Salary	300.00	
Telephone	145.80	
Fuel	644.88	
Sonar Radio	132.95	
Other	171.32	
	<hr/>	1,394.95

TREE WARDEN:

Salary, Superintendent	300.00	
Wages	797.00	
Truck Hire	1,630.00	
Repairs	121.50	
Gas & Oil	9.77	
Supplies	15.30	
Other	374.10	
	<hr/>	3,247.67

MOTH DEPARTMENT:

Wages	389.00	
Expense	150.00	
	<hr/>	539.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE:

Tree Work	665.00	
Other	80.00	
	<hr/>	745.00

TOWN FOREST:

24.00	
<hr/>	24.00

STUMP REMOVAL:

389.70	
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NEW TREES:

464.00	
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TOTAL PROTECTION PERSONS & PROPERTY      \$ 76,438.98

HEALTH & SANITATION

HEALTH NURSE:

Salary	1,875.00	
Expense	75.41	
	<hr/>	1,950.41



# BOARD OF HEALTH:

Animals Burials	56.00
Clerical Asst.	94.05
Administration Expenses	100.18
Medical Expenses	58.29
Fuel	76.90

385.42

# DUMP MAINTENANCE:

Salary	3,640.00
Repairs	1,042.65
Supplies	40.01
Telephone	74.05
Fuel	94.34

4,891.05

# INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS:

Salary	100.00
Expense	10.00

110.00

# INSPECTOR OF MILK:

Salary	25.00
Expense	10.00

35.00

# INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING:

Salary	20.00
Expense	5.00

25.00

# VITAL STATISTICS:

160.00

160.00

# AMBULANCE SERVICE:

697.70

697.70

# TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION

\$ 8,254.58

# HIGHWAYS

# THICKLY SETTLED:

Salary, Superintendent	349.65
Wages	778.30
Cold Patch	392.78

Grader, Backhoe, Etc.	954.00	
Gravel & Loam	159.50	
Supplies & Repairs	863.54	
Other	142.30	
	<hr/>	3,640.07
ROAD MACHINERY:		
Gas & Oil	1,263.30	
Supplies	1,182.15	
Repairs	1,455.58	
	<hr/>	3,901.03
SNOW & WASHOUTS:		
Salary, Superintendent	2,118.05	
Labor	5,925.17	
Fuel	284.48	
Salt, Gravel, Etc.	3,165.12	
Loader, Plowing, Trucks	5,044.28	
Rental of Shed	104.00	
Supplies	539.85	
Equipment & Repairs	451.58	
Other	215.67	
	<hr/>	17,848.20
CHAPTER 81:		
Salary, Superintendent	2,267.40	
Labor	5,911.35	
Sand, Gravel, Etc.	1,175.65	
Loader, Grader, Etc.	701.25	
Asphalt, Tar Patch	3,770.30	
Other	41.86	
	<hr/>	13,867.81
CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION:		
Salary, Superintendent	1,576.38	
Labor	3,938.80	
Backhoe, Loader	4,843.58	
Bulldozer, Hyster Crane	2,232.50	
Blasting	286.50	
Pipes, Brick, Etc.	1,005.33	
Sand, Gravel, Etc.	728.99	
Truck Hire	598.13	
Supplies	2,780.83	
	<hr/>	17,991.04

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE:

Salary, Superintendent	51.30	
Labor	116.10	
Asphalt	1,225.20	
Sand	107.40	
	<u>          </u>	1,500.00

PARKING LOTS:

Labor	338.35	
Hot Top	721.93	
Gravel	178.00	
Bulldozer, Loader, Etc.	1,145.25	
Supplies	1.85	
	<u>          </u>	2,385.38

SIDEWALKS, RAILS & BRIDGES:	<u>1,280.13</u>	1,280.13
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CHAPTER 679:	<u>1,377.74</u>	1,377.74
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CHAPTER 616:	<u>2,757.40</u>	2,757.40
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TRAFFIC MARKERS & STREET SIGNS:	<u>20.00</u>	20.00
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STREET LIGHTING:	<u>8,551.43</u>	<u>8,551.43</u>
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TOTAL HIGHWAYS		\$ 75,120.23
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CHARITIES

GENERAL RELIEF:

Groceries and Provisions	170.97	
Medical Aid	1,420.55	
Other	39.99	
Admx. Salaries	472.93	
	<u>          </u>	2,104.44

AID TO F/W DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

U S Med. & Regular Payments	10,495.65	
U S Admx. Salaries	1,918.32	
	<u>          </u>	12,413.97

#### DISABILITY ASSISTANCE:

U S Med. & Regular Payments	1,708.95	
U S Admx. Salaries	<u>526.11</u>	2,235.06

#### MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

T. A. Med. & Regular Payments	23,000.00	
U S Med. & Regular Payments	37,977.13	
U S Admx. Salaries	<u>809.92</u>	61,787.05

#### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

U S Med. & Regular Payments	17,849.89	
U S Admx. Salaries & Other	<u>4,440.84</u>	22,290.73

#### TOTAL CHARITIES

\$100,831.25

### VETERANS BENEFITS

#### VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:

Salary	900.00	
Expense	<u>200.00</u>	1,100.00

#### CARE VETERANS GRAVES:

<u>143.10</u>	143.10
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#### VETERANS BENEFITS:

Agent Salary	450.00	
Ordinary Allowances	7,231.27	
Medical Aid	<u>2,219.26</u>	9,900.53

#### TOTAL VETERANS

\$ 11,143.63

### SCHOOLS

#### ELEMENTARY:

Salaries & Wages	233,608.87	
Office & Committee	1,515.02	
Census	200.00	
Special Classes & Transportation	17,614.49	
Text Books & Supplies	<u>12,397.16</u>	



Fuel	4,967.61	
Telephones	448.97	
Janitor Supplies	1,361.22	
Bldg. & Grounds Maint.	<u>3,104.96</u>	275,218.30
SCHOOL LUNCH:		
Manager Wages	2,964.18	
Labor	6,998.03	
Food	14,141.19	
Supplies	<u>2,073.60</u>	26,177.00
VOCATIONAL:		
Tuition & Transportation	<u>6,113.65</u>	6,113.65
PENTUCKET REG. ASSESSMENT	<u>353,756.75</u>	353,756.75
P. L. 344:	<u>185.18</u>	185.18
P. L. 345:	<u>331.73</u>	331.73
P. L. 864:	<u>381.99</u>	381.99
P. L. 874:	<u>6,593.26</u>	6,593.26
P. L. 8-180-220:	<u>10,786.00</u>	10,786.00
RED OAK SCHOOL:		
Salary, Clerk O' Works	1,200.00	
Professional Services	8,641.90	
Gilkey Construction	132,835.96	
Equipment	14,956.25	
Supplies	<u>26,885.28</u>	184,519.39

RED OAK BLDG. COMMITTEE EXP.:	<u>313.72</u>	<u>313.72</u>
TOTAL SCHOOLS		\$864,376.97

## LIBRARY

LIBRARY:		
Salary, Librarian	1,800.00	
Salary, Assistants	2,647.99	
Salary, Janitor	480.00	
Fuel	454.95	
Telephone	32.25	
Books & Periodicals	1,752.18	
Supplies	656.85	
Repairs	<u>206.30</u>	
		<u>8,030.52</u>
TOTAL LIBRARY		\$ 8,030.52

## RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

PLAYGROUND:		
Wages	1,053.03	
New Fence	754.00	
Gas & Oil	22.89	
Truck Hire	44.00	
Supplies	<u>869.70</u>	
		2,743.62
SUPERVISED PLAY SALARIES:	<u>1,050.00</u>	1,050.00
INSURANCE:		
Workmens Compensation	7,054.00	
Fleet	2,648.53	
Accident	1,744.90	
Schedule	<u>2,744.33</u>	
		14,191.76
GROUP INSURANCE:	<u>2,953.31</u>	2,953.31
YOUTH CENTER:	<u>50.00</u>	50.00

PRINTING TOWN BY-LAWS:	<u>161.50</u>	161.50
CHRISTMAS PARADE:	<u>300.00</u>	300.00
RENTAL AMERICAN LEGION QUARTERS:	<u>500.00</u>	500.00
KIMBALL PARK:	<u>50.00</u>	50.00
INDIAN HEAD PARK EXPENSE:	<u>266.71</u>	266.71
MERRIMAC IND. DEV. COMMISSION	<u>659.51</u>	659.51
TAX TITLE REPAIRS & EXPENSE	<u>50.00</u>	50.00
CENTRAL MERR, VAL. REG. PLANNING DIST. COMMISSION:	<u>285.48</u>	285.48
MEMORIAL DAY:	<u>343.20</u>	343.20
PRINTING TOWN REPORTS:	<u>814.75</u>	<u>814.75</u>
TOTAL RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED		\$ 24,419.84

#### PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

LIGHT MAINTENANCE:		
Operation & Debt	213,560.84	
Consumer Deposits	1,050.00	
Depreciation Fund	<u>12,028.23</u>	
		226,639.07
WATER MAINTENANCE:		
Salaries & Wages	13,001.31	
Material & Supply	<u>17,604.82</u>	
		30,606.13

WATER METER FUND:	<u>123.50</u>	123.50
INSTALL GATE VALVES:	<u>850.40</u>	850.40
AUXILIARY ENGINE TO PUMP WATER:	<u>2,242.80</u>	<u>2,242.80</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SER. ENTERPRISES:		\$260,461.90

### CEMETERIES

CEMETERY:		
Salaries & Wages	5,174.66	
Gas & Oil	189.15	
New Sign	500.00	
Supplies & Repairs	340.64	
Other	<u>72.00</u>	
		6,276.45
INCOME TRUST FUNDS:		
Salaries & Wages	1,868.28	
Gas & Oil	113.91	
Supplies & Repairs	236.05	
Other	<u>20.40</u>	
		<u>2,238.64</u>
TOTAL CEMETERIES		\$ 8,515.09

### MATURING DEBT & INTEREST

LOAN PAYMENTS:		
Elementary School	22,000.00	
Red Oak School	45,000.00	
Water Meters	<u>4,000.00</u>	
		71,000.00
INTEREST:		
Elementary School	2,850.00	
Red Oak School	31,080.00	
Water Meters	<u>1,040.00</u>	



Revenue Loan	<u>1,836.77</u>	<u>36,806.77</u>
TOTAL MATURING DEBT & INTEREST		\$107,806.77

#### OTHER PAYMENTS

Trust Funds in Transit	2,771.26	
Refunds - Personal 1967	32.67	
- Real 1965-1968	5,050.23	
- Excise 1966-1968	4,435.50	
Certificates of Deposit	150,000.00	
Revenue Loans	125,000.00	
Treasury Bills	172,434.90	
Sales Tax	30.85	
Dog Fees	473.75	
State Parks & Reservations	2,639.66	
State Audit	105.29	
State Assessment	149.32	
Essex Cty. Mosquito Control	2,236.38	
Excise Tax	383.55	
Essex Cty Retirement	16,426.75	
Essex Cty. Tax	17,889.70	
Stabilization Fund	15,000.00	
Federal Withholding Tax	54,716.12	
State Withholding Tax	9,207.10	
State Withholding Tax Ret.	<u>62.46</u>	
		<u>579,045.49</u>
TOTAL OTHER PAYMENTS		<u>\$579,045.49</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR		2,157,146.26
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1968		<u>163,548.64</u>
		2,320,694.90

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

	Balance Jan. 1, 1968	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1968
Moderator		12.00				12.00	12.00	
Finance Board - Clerk		50.00				50.00	50.00	
Expense		350.00				350.00	216.20	133.80
Selectmen - Salary - Chairman		300.00				300.00	300.00	
Clerk		300.00				300.00	300.00	
Member		300.00				300.00	300.00	
Clerical Assistance		1,350.00				1,350.00	1,350.00	
Expense		1,000.00				1,000.00	831.73	168.27
Accountant Salary		5,512.00				5,512.00	5,512.00	
Clerical Assistance		300.00				300.00	297.77	2.23
Expense		100.00				100.00	99.40	.60
Treasurer Salary		1,200.00				1,200.00	1,200.00	
Clerical Assistance		200.00				200.00	193.05	6.95
Expense		2,100.00			5.10	2,105.10	1,843.60	261.50
Tax Collector Salary		2,500.00				2,500.00	2,500.00	
Clerical Assistance		200.00				200.00	193.05	6.95
Expense		1,300.00				1,300.00	991.26	308.74
Assessors - Salary - Chairman		600.00				600.00	600.00	
Clerk		500.00				500.00	500.00	
Member		500.00				500.00	500.00	
Clerical Assistance		1,560.00				1,560.00	1,920.00	
Expense		1,200.00			360.00	1,440.00	1,432.70	7.30
Legal Counsel - Salary		750.00			240.00	750.00	750.00	
Expense		350.00				350.00	350.00	

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Balance Jan. 1, 1968	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1968
Town Clerk -Salary Expense		600.00				600.00	600.00	
Registrars Salary - Chairman		560.00				560.00	466.76	93.24
3 Members @ \$50.00 each		100.00				100.00	100.00	
Clerical Assistance		150.00				150.00	150.00	
Expense		100.00				100.00	100.00	
Census Taker		125.00				125.00	101.85	23.15
Election Officers - Wages		400.00				400.00	400.00	
Expense		880.00				880.00	747.88	132.12
Planning Board Expense		108.00				108.00	61.44	46.56
Board of Appeals Expense		200.00				200.00	79.00	121.00
Clerical Assistance		100.00				100.00	34.20	65.80
Bonding Town Officers		50.00				50.00	35.00	15.00
Town Hall Maintenance		558.00				558.00	558.00	
Janitor Salary		2,000.00	100.00			2,100.00	2,088.00	12.00
Repairs, in, on, around		840.00				840.00	840.00	
Light in Town Buildings		700.00				700.00	551.24	148.76
Water in Town Buildings		3,095.16				3,095.16	3,095.16	
Police - Salaries & Wages		449.72				449.72	449.72	
Expense		29,300.00	238.00			29,538.00	29,538.00	
Prisoners Board		3,786.00	962.00			4,748.00	4,747.38	.62
Portable Radio Unit		500.00				500.00	500.00	
Department - Wages		657.00				657.00	657.00	
Expense		4,100.00				4,100.00	3,983.30	116.70
Fire Alarm System		3,700.00				3,700.00	3,544.54	155.46
New Truck Expense		1,500.00				1,500.00	1,492.50	7.50
New Truck	2,000.00				20,000.00	2,000.00	1,950.00	50.00
					20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	

	Balance Jan. 1, 1968	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1968
Engineers Salary - Chief Clerk		300.00				300.00	300.00	
Member		200.00				200.00	200.00	
Forest Fire Wardens - Wages		150.00				150.00	150.00	
Preliminary Plans for Housing Fire and Highway Departments		200.00				200.00	199.94	.06
Tree Warden - Salary								
Expense		3,500.00				3,500.00	275.00	3,225.00
Moth Department Expense		300.00				300.00	300.00	
Dutch Elm Disease Expense		800.00	2,259.67			3,059.67	2,947.67	112.00
New Trees		700.00				700.00	539.00	161.00
Stump Removal		750.00				750.00	745.00	5.00
Town Forest		500.00				500.00	464.00	36.00
Inspectors:		400.00				400.00	389.70	10.30
Gas - Salary		50.00				50.00	24.00	26.00
Expense		350.00				350.00	350.00	
Wiring - Salary		75.00				75.00	75.00	
Expense		350.00				350.00	350.00	
Oil Burner - Salary		50.00				50.00	50.00	
Expense		150.00				150.00	150.00	
Plumbing Salary		50.00				50.00	50.00	
Sewerage Salary		300.00				300.00	300.00	
Dog Officer - Salary		300.00				300.00	300.00	
Expense		200.00				200.00	200.00	
Civil Defense - Salary		300.00				300.00	272.00	28.00
Expense	232.29	300.00				300.00	300.00	
Board of Health		1,000.00				1,232.29	1,094.95	137.34
Health Nurse - Salary		1,600.00				1,600.00	385.42	1,214.58
Expense		1,875.00				1,875.00	1,875.00	
Dump Maintenance - Salary		200.00				200.00	75.41	124.59
		3,640.00				3,640.00	3,640.00	





TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Balance Jan. 1, 1968	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1968
Veterans Benefits - Clerk Salary Expense	4,753.70	450.00	3,009.50			450.00	450.00	312.67
School Department		2,000.00				9,763.20	9,450.53	2,279.70
Vocational School		277,498.00				277,498.00	275,218.30	142.35
Pentucket Regional Assessment		6,256.00				6,256.00	6,113.65	
Library		353,756.75				353,756.75	353,756.75	
Playground		6,890.00	1,140.52			8,030.52	8,030.52	
Supervised Play Wages	754.00	2,300.00			31.25	3,085.25	2,743.62	341.63
Indian Head Park Expense		1,050.00				1,050.00	1,050.00	
Youth Center		472.00				472.00	266.71	205.29
Christmas Parade	600.00					600.00	50.00	550.00
Memorial Day		300.00				300.00	300.00	
Rental American Legion Quarters		400.00				400.00	343.20	56.80
Insurance		500.00				500.00	500.00	
Group Insurance		12,000.00	4,315.00			16,315.00	14,191.76	2,123.24
Interest - Maturing Debt					6,000.00	6,000.00	2,953.31	3,046.69
Temporary Loans			236.77			34,970.00	34,970.00	
Tax Title Property Repairs & Expense		34,970.00				1,836.77	1,836.77	
Printing Town Reports		1,600.00				300.00	50.00	250.00
Printing Town By-Laws	175.00	300.00				900.00	814.75	85.25
Purchase Land from Omni Realty, Inc.	1,000.00	900.00				175.00	161.50	13.50
Industrial Development Commission	1,200.00					1,000.00		1,000.00
Central Merrimack Valley Regional Planning District Commission		285.48				1,200.00	659.51	540.49
Survey & Expense for Drawing up Plans for New Treatment Plant						285.48	285.48	
Essex County Retirement Board		1,000.00				1,000.00		1,000.00
		16,426.75				16,426.75	16,426.75	

	Balance Jan. 1, 1968	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1968
Stabilization Fund		15,000.00				15,000.00	15,000.00	
Reserve Fund		13,500.00		12,063.74		1,436.26		1,436.26
Light Commissioners Salary		150.00				150.00		150.00
Water Department		34,312.00				34,312.00	30,606.13	3,705.87
Installing Gate Valves	850.40					850.40	850.40	
Auxiliary Engine to Pump Water		1,500.00	1,042.80			2,542.80	2,242.80	300.00
Cemetery		6,250.00			26.45	6,276.45	6,276.45	
Care, Improvement, Embellishment Cemetery		1,300.00				1,416.77		1,416.77
Elementary School Loans	116.77	22,000.00				22,000.00	22,000.00	
Red Oak School Loan		45,000.00				45,000.00	45,000.00	
Water Meter Loan		4,000.00				4,000.00	4,000.00	
		OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED						
Certificates of Deposit								
Treasury Bills					200,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	
Real 1965	-50,000.00				123,751.69	172,434.90	172,434.90	-48,683.21
Real 1966					117.00	117.00	117.00	
Real 1967					195.00	195.00	195.00	
Real 1968					1,444.84	1,444.84	1,444.84	
Personal 1967					3,293.39	3,293.39	3,293.39	
Excise 1966					32.67	32.67	32.67	
Excise 1967					18.15	18.15	18.15	
Excise 1968					886.24	886.24	886.24	
State Parks & Reservations					3,531.11	3,531.11	3,531.11	
State Assessment System	- 580.03				2,871.42	2,291.39	2,639.66	- 348.27
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills					149.32	149.32	149.32	
Essex County Mosquito Control					383.55	383.55	383.55	
County Taxes	-1,341.60				3,576.63	2,235.03	2,236.38	- 1.35
State Audit	-1,422.02				19,407.12	17,985.10	17,889.70	95.40
Federal Withholding Tax					105.29	105.29	105.29	
State Withholding Tax					54,716.12	54,716.12	54,716.12	
Consumer Deposit	1,743.08				9,269.56	9,269.56	9,269.56	
Sales Tax	.03				1,660.00	3,403.08	1,050.00	2,353.08
					30.82	30.85	30.85	

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Balance Jan. 1, 1968	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1968
Dog Fees	8.75				465.00	473.75	473.75	
Trust Funds in Transit					2,471.26	2,471.26	2,471.26	
Income Cemetery Trust Funds	2,190.30				3,448.68	5,638.98	2,238.64	3,400.34
School Lunch	2,281.97				25,605.02	27,886.99	26,177.00	1,709.99
Revenue Loan					125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	
Highway Chapter 679	1,377.74				1,377.74	1,377.74	1,377.74	
Chapter 616					2,757.40	2,757.40	2,757.40	
Welfare ADC US	7,355.45			3,000.00	9,079.00	13,434.45	10,495.65	2,938.80
ADC US Admx.	3,632.54				1,080.64	4,713.18	1,918.32	2,794.86
DA US	1,309.32			500.00	1,350.00	2,159.32	1,708.95	450.37
DA US Admx.	867.05				792.94	1,659.99	526.11	1,133.88
MA US	13,455.84		15,500.00	982.09	30,399.34	58,373.09	37,977.13	20,395.96
MA US Admx.	1,004.53				389.27	1,393.80	809.92	583.88
OAA US	20,212.14		982.09	12,000.00	10,054.64	19,248.87	17,849.89	1,398.98
OAA US Admx.	4,543.09				1,527.09	6,070.18	4,440.84	1,629.34
School P. L. 864	919.32					919.32	381.99	537.33
P. L. 874	2,602.82				3,991.00	6,593.82	6,593.26	.56
P. L. 89-10 - 220					10,786.00	10,786.00	10,786.00	
P. L. 89-10 - 344	185.18					185.18	185.18	
P. L. 89-10 - 345	331.73					331.73	331.73	
Red Oak School Building Committee	729.25					729.25	313.72	415.53
Library State Aid			815.25		815.25			
Sarah Leavitt Library Bequest	300.00					300.00	300.00	
Kimball Park	16.66				50.00	66.66	50.00	16.66
Light Department	4,021.72				206,159.77	236,136.43	225,589.07	10,547.36
Care H. Robinson Lot - Cemetery	201.90		38,702.38	12,747.44	67.50	269.40	184,519.39	269.40
Red Oak School	230,264.24					230,264.24		45,744.85
Water Meters - Bond Issue	44.96					44.96		44.96
Water Meter Fund	123.50					123.50	123.50	
	262,977.76	1,036,918.50	91,813.73	45,140.36	887,839.36	2,234,408.99	2,157,146.26	77,262.73

RECAPITULATION

Account Balances 1-1-68  
Appropriations  
Refunds and Receipts

262,977.76  
1,036,918.50  
887,839.36

\$2,187,735.62

TRANSFERRED TO ACCOUNTS:

Assessors Expense  
Town Hall Maint.  
Police  
Tree Warden Exp.  
Dump Maint. Exp.  
Veterans Benefits  
Insurance  
Interest  
Chapter 81  
Chapter 90 Const.  
Chapter 90 Maint.  
M. A.  
M. A.  
Library  
Library  
Insurance  
Aux. Engine for Water  
MA US

600.00  
100.00  
1,200.00  
2,259.67  
400.00  
3,009.50  
3,215.00  
236.77  
9,075.00  
9,750.00  
500.00  
2,500.00  
500.00  
815.25  
325.27  
1,100.00  
1,042.80  
12,000.00

FROM ACCOUNTS:

Reserve Fund  
Reserve Fund  
Reserve Fund  
Reserve Fund  
Reserve Fund  
Reserve Fund  
Reserve Fund  
Reserve Fund  
Reserve Fund  
Surplus Revenue  
Surplus Revenue  
Surplus Revenue  
A. D. C.  
D. A.  
State Aid  
City Dog Fees  
Light Maint.  
Reserve Fund  
OAA US

MA US	3,000.00
MA US	500.00
OAA US	982.09
Light Maint.	<u>38,702.38</u>

91,813.73

ADC US
DA US
MA US
Light Dep. Fund

\$2,279,549.35

# TRANSFERRED FROM ACCOUNTS:

Ambulance Service	31.84
ADC	2,500.00
DA	500.00
Reserve Fund	12,063.74
ADC US	3,000.00
DA US	500.00
MA US	982.09
OAA US	12,000.00
Library State Aid	815.25
Light Maint.	11,646.59
Light Maint.	.25
Light Maint.	<u>1,100.00</u>

-45,140.36

Estimated Receipts
M. A.
M. A.
Various Above Accounts
MA US
MA US
OAA US
MA US
Library
Light Dep. Fund
Light Revenue
Insurance

\$2,234,408.99  
- 77,262.73

Account Balances 1-1-69

\$2,157,146.26



	Balance Jan. 1, 1968	Added	Interest	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1968
LIGHT DEPRECIATION FUND					
Merrimac Savings Bank	11,629.31	23,508.79		33,855.87	1,282.23
Economy Co-op Bank (Pd.)	16,000.00				16,000.00
Economy Co-op Bank (Sav.)	4,846.51	380.00	109.03	4,846.51	489.03
	<u>32,475.82</u>	<u>23,888.79</u>	<u>109.03</u>	<u>38,702.38</u>	<u>17,771.26</u>
TRUST FUNDS					
POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND (WAR BONDS)					
Merrimac Savings Bank	990.39		45.05		1,035.44
STABILIZATION FUND					
Merrimac Savings Bank	531.73	15,000.00			15,531.73
RENOVATIONS OR ADD. MERR. SCHOOL BLDG.					
Merrimac Savings Bank	70.32		3.18		73.50
KIMBALL PARK					
Merrimac Savings Bank	4,193.84		190.83	50.00	4,334.67
LIBRARY FUNDS					
Merrimac Savings Bank	21,496.35	281.26	985.24		22,762.85

	Balance Jan. 1, 1968	Added	Interest	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1968
Danvers Savings Bank	7,500.00		168.76	168.76	7,500.00
Haverhill Savings Bank	5,000.00		112.50	112.50	5,000.00
Merrimac Savings - Hanley	500.00		22.75		522.75
Merrimac Savings - Leavitt		300.00	4.50		304.50
	<u>34,496.35</u>	<u>581.26</u>	<u>1,293.75</u>	<u>281.26</u>	<u>36,090.10</u>

#### CEMETERY FUNDS

Merrimac Savings Bank	57,321.87		2,723.21	2,723.21	57,321.87
Economy Co-op Bank	15,895.00		725.47	725.47	18,085.00
Kenneth Breed		200.00			
Dr. Trull, Est.		200.00			
Isabelle Nichol, Est.		200.00			
Paul L. Sanborn		100.00			
Joseph Sampson		100.00			
Harrie R. Cushing		100.00			
Mrs. Florence Grey		200.00			
Cell Lot		25.00			
Miller & Martin Lot		150.00			
Roselle Lot		75.00			
Mrs. Annie Oxley		200.00			
Irving & Helen Manning		100.00			
Harold Poor		100.00			

Charles Prescott	100.00		
Manning & Blake Lot	200.00		
John W. Heath	100.00		
Arlene & Ansel Clark	40.00		
	<u>2,190.00</u>	<u>3,448.68</u>	<u>75,406.87</u>
	73,216.87	3,448.68	

HARRY ROBINSON LOT

Merrimac Savings Bank	1,500.00	67.50	1,500.00
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TRUST FUND RECAP

Cash in Custody of Treasurer	114,990.50		
			1,035.44
			15,531.73
			73.50
			4,334.67
			36,090.10
			75,406.87
			<u>1,500.00</u>
	<u>\$114,990.50</u>		\$133,972.31

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE C. MACKENZIE  
Town Accountant

# FINAL TRIAL BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1968

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$163,548.64	Excess on Sale of Low Value	\$ 129.91
Treasury Bills	48,683.21	St. Aid to Hgwy. Acc. Rec. Chapter 90 Const.	499.28
Cash Light Depreciation Fund	17,771.26	County Taxes	95.40
Petty Cash Town Office	10.00	Consumer Deposits	2,353.08
Petty Cash Advance Tax Collector	25.00	Water Meter Fund	1,891.25
Petty Cash Advance Light & Water	125.00	Tailings	200.90
Personal 1965	34.32	Income Library Trust Funds	133.79
Personal 1966	707.65	Income Cemetery Trust Funds	3,400.34
Personal 1967	991.44	School Lunch	1,709.99
Personal 1968	2,112.33	Sale of Lots - Cemetery	170.00
Real 1967	12,218.32	Overlay Surplus	8,175.09
Real 1968	67,426.04	Overlay 1963	177.50
Excise 1966	529.94	Overlay 1964	162.40
Excise 1967	2,399.70	Overlay 1968	7,297.34
Excise 1968	11,266.02	Excise Revenue	14,195.66
Farm Animal Excise 1966	41.50	Farm Animal Excise Revenue	338.00
Farm Animal Excise 1967	41.50	Special Tax Revenue	3,853.89
Farm Animal Excise 1968	255.00	Tax Title Revenue	18,069.68
Tax Titles	9,368.19	Departmental Revenue	2,680.19
Tax Possessions	8,701.49	Light Revenue	10,668.13
Taxes in Litigation	3,853.89	Water Revenue	4,549.86
Cemetery Accounts Receivable	1,734.00	St. & Cty. Aid to Hgwy. Revenue	11,339.58
D. A. Accounts Receivable	67.10	Reserve for Petty Cash Advances	160.00
M. A. Accounts Receivable	191.10	Surplus Revenue	176,704.97
Veterans Accounts Receivable	687.99	Tax Title Possessions	140.00

Light Accounts Receivable Light	10,053.41	Plans for Housing Hgwy. & Fire Dept.	3,225.00
Light Accounts Receivable Power	18.75	Civil Defense	137.34
Light Accounts Receivable Misc.	595.97	Chapter 81	657.19
Water Accounts Receivable Rates	3,735.67	Traffic Markers & Street Signs	354.80
Water Accounts Receivable Misc.	644.19	A D C US	2,938.80
Water Accounts Receivable Meter Rentals	170.00	A D C US Admx.	2,794.86
St. Aid to Hgwy. Acc. Rec. Chapter 81	9,075.00	D A US	450.37
City. Aid to Hgwy. Acc. Rec. Chapter 90 Const.	2,763.86	D A US Admx.	1,133.88
ST. Parks & Reservations	348.27	M A US	20,395.96
-Essex Cty. Mosquito Control	1.35	M A US Admx.	583.88
Overlay 1962	2.35	O A A US	1,398.98
Overlay 1965	132.21	O A A US Admx.	1,629.34
Overlay 1966	259.35	Veterans Benefits	312.67
Overlay 1967	3,673.46	Red Oak School	45,744.85
		Red Oak School Building Committee	415.53
		Public Law 864	537.33
		Public Law 874	.56
		Kimball Park	16.66
		Youth Center	550.00
		Merrimac Industrial Development Comm.	540.49
		Survey & Expense for Plans for Treat. Plant	1,000.00
		Light Department	10,547.36
		Light Depreciation Fund	17,771.26
		Auxiliary Engine to Pump Water	300.00
		Water Meter - Bond Issue	44.96



Cemetery Care,Improvement, Embellishment	1,416.77
Care Harry Robinson Lot - Cemetery	269.40
	<u>269.40</u>
	\$384,264.47

\$384,264.47

Respectfully Submitted,  
 GERTRUDE C. MAC KENZIE  
 Town Accountant



WARRANT for the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

February 26, 1968

ESSEX, ss.

To MAURICE CAREY, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in SARGENT HALL in Merrimac on

Monday, FEBRUARY 26, 1968

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41,

General Laws as amended:

Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, three Water Commissioners, and raise and appropriate sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of money to be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the year 1968 and make appropriations for same said sums of money so raised and appropriated to be expended for specific purposes to be voted.

VOTED

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the financial year beginning January 1, 1969 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

VOTED

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, fourteen days at least, before the sale, property heretofore taken or which may be taken by the Town under Tax Title Procedure, provided that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen or their authorized agent, may at the time of such public auction reject any bid which they may deem inadequate, or may after such auction has been held sell such property provided that in their estimation an adequate offer may be made.

VOTED

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and their successors in office to sell, until the 1969 Annual Town Meeting, at public or private sale any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute and deliver in the name and under the seal of the Town quit-claim deeds or other instruments therefor, or to see what action the Town will take in the matter.

VOTED



ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the Treasury toward the reduction of the 1968 tax rate. VOTED

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for the maintenance of Road Machinery to keep road machinery in operation. VOTED

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets, or take any action relative thereto. VOTED

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 81 highway construction and maintenance, or take any action relative thereto. VOTED

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1967, "State funds used for construction of roads", Merrimac's share to be \$5514.80 50% of which shall be available on or before December 1, 1968 and the balance on or before December 1, 1969. All sums must be spent by June 30, 1971. VOTED

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway construction, or take any action relative thereto. VOTED



ARTICLE 11.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

VOTED

ARTICLE 12.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the sale of cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of said cemeteries, according to Section 14, and Section 25 of Chapter 114, General Laws.

VOTED

ARTICLE 13.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light Operating balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the year 1968.

VOTED

ARTICLE 14.

To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of dog license fees collected in 1967 to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172 of the General Laws.

VOTED

ARTICLE 15.

To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760, Acts of 1960 entitled "An act providing State aid for free public libraries".

VOTED

ARTICLE 16.

To see if the Town will vote on the following question:

"Shall the town accept the provisions of Chapter 156 of the Acts of 1967 providing for the establishment of a regional school district by the cities of Haverhill and Newburyport and the towns of Amesbury, Boxford, Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury (or by the said cities and such three or more of the said towns as may accept Chapter 156) and the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional vocational school by the said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the city councils of said cities and the selectmen of said towns?"

NOT VOTED

ARTICLE 17.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Regional Vocational School District as operating expenses.

TABLED

ARTICLE 18.

To hear the report of the "Building Needs Committee for Highway and Fire Departments".

VOTED

ARTICLE 19.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for planning and costs of preliminary design of a building(s) to meet the housing needs of the Highway and Fire Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to name a building committee for this project.

VOTED

ARTICLE 20.

To see if the Town will adopt a By-Law regulating pay hours of work, vacation pay and sick leave and holiday pay for all town employees, except school department employees, as provided for under Section 21a of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

VOTED

ARTICLE 21.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Assessors for the purpose of employing a firm to update the real estate valuations within the Town of Merrimac.

NOT VOTED

ARTICLE 22.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase approximately one acre of land known as Robert Sargent's farm for a water storage tank with a right of way to and from to maintain tank and water pipe lines.

TABLED

ARTICLE 23.

To see if the Town will vote to raise by bond issue, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended to construct a million gallon water storage tank of prestressed concrete on Bear Hill Road with pipe and connections to the present system, or take any action relative thereto.

NOT VOTED

ARTICLE 24.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a fire alarm system to replace the present system housed in the central fire station.

VOTED

ARTICLE 25.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the year 1968 to meet the cost of hospitalization coverage and insurance premiums of life, accidental death, sickness and accident coverage for town employees as provided in Chapter 32B, General Laws.

NOT VOTED



ARTICLE 26.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of selling the municipal light department. Said committee to report their findings by the next annual town meeting.

NOT VOTED

ARTICLE 27.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to replace portable radio unit , or take any action relative thereto.

VOTED

ARTICLE 28.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for an auxiliary stationary engine, to pump water in an emergency during power failure at the pumping station, or take any action relative thereto.

VOTED

ARTICLE 29.

To see if the Town will vote to establish a stabilization fund under provisions of Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be incorporated in said fund.

VOTED

ARTICLE 30.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 42a through 42f of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, Tercentenary Edition.

TABLED

ARTICLE 31.

To hear the report of the "Town Parking Committee".

VOTED

ARTICLE 32.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended for a survey of a new site for the proposed sewage

disposal plant.

NOT VOTED

ARTICLE 33.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$472.00 from Indian Head Park Fees to Indian Head Park Expense.

VOTED

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven (7) public places in said town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of February, 1968.

John E. Flynn  
Wallace Carter  
Raymond J. Davis  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A true copy: Attest  
Maurice Carey  
Constable



By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and said place for the purpose therein expressed.

Posted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1968 at the following seven (7) places:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Maurice Carey  
Merrimac, Massachusetts, February 6, 1968 Constable

# WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 1968 - Thursday

ESSEX, ss.

To: MAURICE CAREY, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

## GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in SARGENT HALL in Merrimac on

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1968

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from surplus revenue to the reserve fund. VOTED

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10, Article 4 of the Town By-Laws to clarify the meaning of "full time employee". VOTED

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10 of the Zoning By-Laws and zoning map of the Town of Merrimac so as to permit Mobile Home Parks in the light industrial district. NOT VOTED

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws and zoning map of the Town of Merrimac so as to extend the suburban-residential zone on the Westerly side of Emery Street from Route 495 Northerly parallel to Emery Street 200 feet from Emery Street to a point 200 feet South of East Main Street. NOT VOTED

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws and zoning map of the Town of Merrimac to extend the existing commercial zone on the Southeasterly side of East Main Street from the Westerly side of Emery Street a

distance of 268.15 feet along the Southeasterly side of East Main Street to a distance of 200 feet. NOT VOTED

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Merrimac to define swimming pools (excluding portable wading pools) as structures requiring the same lot line clearances as buildings on the same lot or lots VOTED

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Merrimac by adding Section 2, Article 8 to read as follows: "Any person who constructs a building or builds an addition to an existing building; or who causes such construction, or addition, without first obtaining the proper permit from the Board of Selectmen, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$50.00". VOTED

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Modern Realty Trust a deed to land situated on the Southeast-erly side of Merrimac Street in Merrimac, containing 9380 square feet, more or less, and described as Parcel A on Plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Merrimac, Massachusetts, as surveyed for Modern Realty Trust and Genevieve A. Lay, scale 1" = 40', dated August, 1968", Charles H. Morse & Son, Registered Engrs., and to accept a deed of land from Genevieve A. Lay situated on the Southeasterly side of Merrimac Street in Merrimac, containing 13,540 square feet, more or less, and described as Parcel B on said Plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Merrimac, Massachusetts, as surveyed for Modern Realty Trust and Genevieve A. Lay, scale 1" = 40', dated August, 1968", Charles H. Morse & Son, Registered Engrs. VOTED

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement, on behalf of the Town, with the First Baptist Church of Merrimac and the Merrimac Metal Company to allow use of land owned by the First Baptist Church of Merrimac and the Merrimac Metal Company for a public parking lot; and to negotiate and agree to any restrictions as to use of said parking lot which may be requested by the owners; and to transfer from E & D a sum of money to be used for construction, and lighting of said parking lot. VOTED



ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following By-Law. "No person shall own or keep in the Town of Merrimac, outside the confines of the owners or keepers property, any dog which is not held firmly on a leash. Failure to comply with this By-Law shall be punishable as follows: First offense, warning; Second offense, fine of \$5.00; Third and subsequent offenses a fine of \$10.00. Each twenty four hour period shall constitute a separate offense."

POSTPONED TO NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$28.00 from Red Oak School bond issue fund to surplus revenue.

VOTED

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to swap a parcel of land situated on the corner of Lancaster Court & Broad Street with Fred Smith for his Parcel of land situated on Broad Street to be used as site for a municipal building.

ARTICLE WAS TABLED

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven(7) public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 17th day of September, 1968.

Wallace S. Carter  
Raymond P. David  
John E. Flynn  
Board of Selectmen

A true copy: Attest:

Maurice Carey  
Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and said place for the purpose therein expressed.

Posted this 18th day of September, 1968 at the following seven(7) places:

- |                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Town Hall                       | 4. Cozy Cleaners   |
| 2. Wash Bucket                     | 5. Odd Fellow Hall |
| 3. Food Mart                       | 6. Ryan's Rest.    |
| 7. Old Village Store, Merrimacport |                    |

Maurice Carey  
Constable



# WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 21, 1968

ESSEX, ss:

To: MAURICE CAREY, one of the Constables of the  
Town of Merrimac:

## GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of  
the Town of Merrimac to meet in SARGENT HALL in Merrimac  
on

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1968

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following  
articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to swap a parcel of  
land situated on the corner of Lancaster Court and Broad  
Street with Fred Smith for his parcel of land situated on  
Broad Street to be used as a site for a municipal building.  
VOTED

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of  
money from Electric Light Operating balance to the Insurance  
account.  
VOTED

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will authorize the School  
Committee, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 149,  
Section 171-1 as amended by Chapter 633 of the Acts of 1968,  
to designate an attorney as a representative of the school  
committee for the purpose of bargaining with employee  
organizations for school employees, or will take any other  
action relating to the same.  
(amended-strike out word "attorney" and insert word "town  
counsel")  
VOTED

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of  
money from Surplus Revenue to the Reserve Fund. VOTED

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Surplus Revenue a sum of money to defray the cost of surveying and the drawing of a plan of the proposed site for waste treatment facilities, embodying such information as shall be required for holding a public hearing before the Department of Public Health and the Division of Water Pollution Control.  
VOTED

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote approval of the construction of the waste treatment facility on the site of the former Town dump located on Mill Street. WITHDRAWN

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will hear any other business which should properly come before this meeting.  
"RESOLUTION" for C. Howard Phillips ACCEPTED

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven (7) public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 12th day of November, 1968

Wallace S. Carter  
Raymond P. David  
John E. Flynn  
Board of Selectmen

A true copy: Attest:

Maurice Carey  
Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and said place for the purpose therein expressed.

Posted this 14th day of November, 1968 at the following  
even (7) places:

- |                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Town Hall                    | 4. Wash Bucket Laundry      |
| 2. Fodd-Mart                    | 5. Entrance to Masonic Hall |
| 3. Cozy Cleaners                | 6. Do-Ray Restaurant        |
| 7. Cor. River Rd. & High Street |                             |

Maurice Carey  
Constable

## RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING C. HOWARD PHILLIPS UPON  
HIS 35th ANNIVERSARY AS TOWN CLERK FOR  
THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC, MASSACHUSETTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Merrimac was incorporated as a  
separate municipality on April 11, 1876; and

WHEREAS, On November 21, 1933 at a Special Citizen's  
Caucus C. Howard Phillips was elected Town Clerk  
of Merrimac, Mass. to fill the unexpired term of the  
previous incumbent; and

WHEREAS, C. Howard Phillips has faithfully performed his  
duties as Town Clerk for the Town of Merrimac;  
now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac hereby  
extend to C. Howard Phillips their heartfelt thanks  
for a job well done on this his 35th anniversary as  
Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts;  
and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be filed with other historical records in the archives of the Town of Merrimac.

In Board of Selectmen

Adopted November 21, 1968



WARRANT for the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

February 24, 1969

ESSEX, ss.

To MAURICE CAREY, one of the Constables of the  
Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of  
the Town of Merrimac to meet in Red Oak School in Merrimac  
on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1969

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles,  
namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and  
compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by  
Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended:  
Moderator, Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors,  
Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Three Commissioners  
of Municipal Light, Three Water Commissioners, and raise and  
appropriate sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of  
money to be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges  
and expenses of the Town for the year 1969 and make appro-  
priations for same said sums of money so raised and appropriated  
to be expended for specific purposes to be voted.

ARTICLE 2, To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town  
Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money  
from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the finan-  
cial year beginning January 1, 1970 and to issue a note or  
notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any  
note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year,  
in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, fourteen days at least, before the sale, property heretofore taken or which may be taken by the Town under Tax Title Procedure, provided that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen or their authorized agent, may at the time of such public auction reject any bid which they may deem inadequate, or may after such auction has been held sell such property provided that in their estimation an adequate offer may be made.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and their successors in office to sell, until the 1970 Annual Town Meeting, at public or private sale any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute and deliver in the name and under the seal of the Town quitclaim deeds or other instruments therefor, or to see what action the Town will take in the matter.

ARTICLE 5 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the treasury toward the reduction of the 1969 tax rate.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the maintenance of road machinery to keep road machinery in operation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 81 highway construction and maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway construction, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the sale of cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of said cemeteries, according to Section 14, and Section 25 of Chapter 114, General Laws.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light Operating balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the year 1969.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of dog license fees collected in 1968 to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760, Act of 1960 entitled "An act providing State aid for free public libraries".

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following by-law. "No person shall own or keep in the Town of Merrimac, outside the confines of the owners or keepers property, any dog which is not held firmly on a leash. Failure to comply with this by-law shall be punishable as follows: First offense, warning; Second offense, fine of \$5.00; Third and subsequent offenses a fine of \$10.00. Each twenty-four hour period shall constitute a separate offense."

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Accountant to pay unpaid 1968 school bills.



ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will adopt a resolution to amend the zoning by-laws and zoning map of the town of Merrimac to extend the existing commercial zone on the southeasterly side of East Main Street from the westerly side of Emery Street a distance of 268.15 feet along the southeasterly side of East Main Street to a depth of 400'.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for developing additional well fields, constructing buildings for a pumping station, including original pumping station equipment, laying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter, and constructing a storage standpipe, and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for developing additional well fields, constructing buildings for a pumping station. including original pumping station equipment, laying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter, and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain an acre of land and necessary rights of ways and easements owned by Robert R. and Jane E. Sargent and situated near the junction of County Road and Harriman Road in Merrimac for the purpose of constructing a million gallon water standpipe or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for fire files for Merrimac Water Department.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a Bruner water filter. A home size unit to be used for study purposes for the Merrimac Water Department.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Merrimac Water Department to purchase a Pneuma Gopher underground piercing tool to save trenching across roads.



ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of Tree Warden to three(3) years, such change to be effective at the Annual Town Election in 1970.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a police cruiser, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Chief of Police to trade the present cruiser toward the purchase of the new cruiser or to sell the present cruiser at private or public sale.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the assessors to hire themselves to perform duties outside of office pertaining to assessing procedure and to set the rate of pay for such employment at \$2.50 per hour.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tree Warden to employ himself to perform labor or render services to the tree department and to establish the rate of compensation for such labor or services at \$2.00 per hour.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of obtaining an option on the Brox building on East Main Street and, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of study and determining the feasibility for the use of same as one town municipal building to house the fire dept., police dept., and highway dept., or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds a sum of money for the stabilization fund.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to purchase or take by eminent domain a certain parcel of land containing 7.01 acres, more or less, situated on the Northerly side of the access road from Broad Street to Route 495, as shown on Plan entitled "Preliminary Plan Showing Proposed Location of Sewerage Disposal Facility Town of Merrimac, January 1969." Clinton F. Goodwin, Reg. Land Surveyor, and to appropriate a sum of money to defray the cost thereof or take any action in connection therewith.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will appropriate sufficient funds to be expended together with Federal and State funds which may be available for architectural and engineering cost for preparing final plans and specifications for the construction of a waste treatment facility in the Town of Merrimac.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven (7) public places in said town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 11th day of February, 1969.

Wallace S. Carter  
Raymond P. David  
John E. Flynn  
Board of Selectmen

A true copy:      Attest:  
Maurice Carey  
Constable



# **Annual Report of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE of the TOWN OF MERRIMAC**

For The Year Ending - December 31, 1968

## **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859 Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 98th annual printed school report.

RAYMOND R. WALTON, Chairman  
EIDA V. JERVEY, Vice Chairman  
LLOYD D. CROSSMAN, Secretary  
RHODERICK D. MACDONALD  
PETER W. TILTON

## **SCHOOL OFFICERS**

JOHN C. JAKOBEK, Superintendent of Schools  
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DOROTHY E. DOUGHTY, R. N. School Nurse  
Address: 104 River Road, Merrimac, Mass.

### **Working Certificates:**

Helen R. Donaghue, Merrimac Elementary School  
Office of the Superintendent, Pentucket Regional School



To the Selectmen and Citizens of Merrimac:

Your School Committee submits the following report for 1968. The five members on this Committee supervise the elementary program in this town. Three members from this Committee serve as representatives on the Pentucket Regional School Committee. For a report on secondary education see the Pentucket Regional School Committee Report.

### Educational Programs

With the opening of the Red Oak School in September the housing of elementary school pupils became normal for the first time in many years. The present distribution of pupils by classes is: Red Oak, Grades K-5, and the Union Street School Grades K-6.

Kindergartens: Although it is true that the State has mandated the establishment of kindergartens, the inauguration of Merrimac's kindergartens resulted from our concern for the educational growth of our children. Over the years there has been much discussion of such programs, with many supporters and some detractors. The position taken by this Committee in favor of this program was predicated on recent findings of men like Benjamin Bloom, Dean, School of Education, University of Chicago, who wrote:

"Since our estimates suggest that about 17% of the growth takes place between the ages 4 and 6, we would hypothesize that nursery school and kindergarten could have far reaching consequences on the child's general learning pattern. Also the approximately 17% of growth which takes place between ages 6 and 9 seems to us to suggest that the first period of elementary school (grades 1 to 3) is probably the most crucial period available to the public schools for the development of general learning patterns. We are inclined to believe that this is the most important growing period for academic achievement and that all subsequent learning in the school is affected and in large part determined by what the child has learned by the age of 9 or by the end of grade 3."

### Special Education Classess:

As each of us realizes there has been a substantial growth of the community which is more than proportionately reflected in the growth of the pupil population. The growing influence of the literate members of the community who realize the critical value inherent in an education rightly expect a quality educational program for their children. The necessary provisions for such an educational program have been provided. This is especially true of the academic type of pupil. Today, however, the society in which we live, one which expects the schools to provide for all children, calls for services for the exceptional child as well.

This is reflected in the recent legislation of the Commonwealth. It is reflected in the desires of parents who have such children. Since the responsibility for educating all children rests with the School Committee, measures have been taken to provide for some of these exceptional children. We hasten to point out that our efforts so far have not reached all those who need help.

The required educational services will have to be extended beyond our present practices. Programs will have to be extended or implemented for perceptually handicapped children, physically handicapped, emotionally handicapped and mentally retarded. This is as it should be since early diagnosis and treatment prevents these children from later becoming public charges. Communities and society must strive to make all its citizens productive. This position is better for the individual and better for the community.

### Reading and Reading Difficulties:

We all recognize that there are children with Specific, Severe Disabilities in word recognition (dyslexia) which are usually resistant to standard remedial procedures. These dyslexic children remain virtual non-readers in spite of remedial work. We know, too, that this developmental condition is found primarily in boys who have great difficulty in some of the associational skills basic to word recognition. Quite frequently this happens with boys whose general intelligence is normal.

What we must also accept is that the ability to read, vital as the skill is, varies in students on a continuum from

those who develop reading skills easily to those who learn to read only with great difficulty. The great majority of students learn to read at what might be called normal levels, sometimes excelling in one aspect of the skill while doing less well in other aspects.

The job of the school and concern of the parent and community is that each child, whatever his ability, receive enough instruction to bring him up to his ability. Otherwise the child may be educationally handicapped for life. To bring each child's reading performance up to his level of ability teaching resources of various types are provided because different children learn in different ways. Class size has been reduced to allow individualized attention to those who need it. Reading assistance to help the teachers master the various skills in teaching the different learning styles and to provide diagnostic testing to locate and correct deficiencies has been provided.

Summer School: Through federally sponsored projects under the Elementary and Secondary School Act (ESEA) this Committee has operated two projects aimed at the improvement of reading and mathematics. Federal Funds have provided for the total cost of these projects which locate the difficulties in learning that children have and by the use of specific materials attempt to remedy them. This program is based on very small groups of students identifying their shortcomings, and by the guidance and assistance of trained staff members remedying them. A concomitant goal, that of improving the teacher's teaching ability, especially her efforts to understand and individualize instruction is also expected.

### Finances

This committee is not unmindful of the financial effort that has been made and needs to be made in performing the educating function prescribed by the State. As residents and taxpayers we acknowledge that the costs are great and yet, we are faced with educating more children than ever before and educating them better than ever before. This is more evident perhaps with the deviant, non-academic type of child, but is nevertheless true with the average child as well. To do less would place an immense burden on the child and community.



With a firm conviction that we have carried out your expressed or implied wishes regarding the education of your children, we submit this report for 1968.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND R. WALTON, Chairman  
LLOYD D. CROSSMAN  
EIDA V. JERVEY  
RHODERICK D. MACDONALD  
PETER W. TILTON

### 1968-1969 SCHOOL CALENDAR

1968

September	3&4	Tues. & Wed.	Orientation Days
	5	Thursday	Schools open
November	8	Friday	Schools closed-Parent-Teachers Conf. End 1st quart.-46 days
	11	Monday	Schools closed-Veterans' Day
	27	Wednesday	Schools close at end of school day for Thanksgiving
December	2	Monday	Schools open
	20	Friday	Schools close at noon for the Christmas holidays

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January	2	Thursday	Schools open
	24	Friday	Ends 2nd quarter-44 days
February	14	Friday	Schools close for winter vacation
	24	Monday	Schools open
April	4	Friday	Schools closed-Good Friday
	11	Friday	Ends 3rd quarter-49 days
	21	Monday	Schools close for Spring vacation
	28	Monday	Schools open
May	26	Monday	Schools closed-Memorial Day Observance
June	20	Friday	Last day of school
			Ends 4th quarter-44 days

183 days - Elementary School

Approved 4/10/68



# DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF - MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Position	Name	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Years in Merrimac
Principal	Helen R. Donaghue	Bridgewater Normal 1929	30.5	22.5
Assistant Principal	David W. Shaw	B. S. Ed. Bridgewater Teachers' College 1957	9	9
		M. Salem State College 1965		
INTERMEDIATE UNIT:				
	Genevieve Smithson	Posse School of Phys. Ed. 1938	15	9
	Patricia M. Condon	B. S. Gordon College 1953	11	4
	Edward Martin	B. S. Salem Teachers College 1965	3	Leave of Absence
	Lawrence N. Altman	A. B. Boston University 1967	1	Resigned 6/30/68
	Nancy W. Deminie	B. A. University of N. H. 1953	9	9
	Kay N. Herlihy	B. A. Rivier College	4	1
	Joan M. Carbone	B. S. Fitchburg State College 1966	2	Resigned 2/16/68
	Linda A. McCarthy	B. A. Parsons College 1968	0	Began 9/1/68
	Jane K. Sheedy	B. A. University of Mass. 1967	0	Began 9/1/68
	Mary H. Coughlin	A. B. Merrimack College 1961		
		M. Salem State College 1964	7	Began 9/1/68
	Annette A. Autiello	B. S. Suffolk University 1966	2	Began 9/1/68
	Caroline Butler	A. B. Radcliffe College	4	Began 9/1/68
	Anne R. Tufts	B. A. University of Mass. 1967	0	Began 9/1/68
	John F. Wenthe	B. A. Boston College 1966	2	Began 9/1/68
	Charles A. Eksoozian	B. A. Boston University 1953		
		M. Boston University 1958		
		C. A. G. S. Boston University 1962	11	Began 9/1/68
	Dawn Rae Allen	Salem State College		Began 9/1/68
	John L. Randall III	B. Ed. Keene Teachers College 1962	6	Began 9/1/68

# DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF - MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Years in Merrimac
PRIMARY UNIT:				
	Charlotte R. Goltz	B. A. Wellesley College	14	11
		M. Ed. Boston University		
	Marion F. Johnson	B. S. University of N.H. 1949	19	11
		M. Ed. Salem State College 1965		
	Dorothy K. Edgerly	Salem Normal 1926	22.5	Resigned 6/30/68
	Marie J. English	B. A. Emmanuel	10	10
		M. Ed. Salem Teachers College 1962		
	Elizabeth R. Toomey	Boston University 1965	3	Resigned 6/30/68
	Florence L. Coe	B. S. Salem Teachers College	20.4	13
	Margaret M. Moynihan	Lowell State Normal 1922	25	Resigned 6/30/68
	Barbara R. Taylor	Gordon College 1967	2	1
	Miriam M. Felch	B. S. Kutztown, Pa. State Teachers College 1936	20	Resigned 12/31/68
	Penny A. Altman	A. B. Boston University 1967	1	Resigned 6/30/68
	Lois H. Scott	Farmington State Teachers College 1959	4.4	4.4
	Margot Hammon	B. A. Gordon College 1968	0	Began 9/1/68
	Sandra E. Harris	B. S. Gordon College 1968	0	Began 9/1/68
	Suzann M. McKenzie	B. S. Lowell State College 1965	3	Began 9/1/68
	Ann Ludeking	B. S. Bridgewater State College 1961	6	Began 9/1/68
	Lilyan H. Cummings	Tufts University Salem State		Began 9/1/68

	Ellenmarie A, Sullivan	B. ED. Keene State College 1968	0	Began 9/1/68
	Constance C. Dublin	B. S. Lowell State College 1960	7	Began 9/1/68
	Donna M. Theobald	B. S. Suffolk University 1968	0	Began 9/1/68
Art Supervisor	Nancy Perkins	M. Ed. University of Mass.	9	4
Music	Martha J. Sax	B. M. E. Mount Union College Ohio 1958	2	1
Speech Therapist	Priscilla D. Hull	B. S. Emerson College 1964	4	2
Special Education	Thomas F. Moughan	B. S. Fitchburg State College 1964	4	Began 9/1/68
Physical Education	Priscilla P. Wilson	B. S. Russell Sage College 1950	4	Began 9/1/68
Reading Coordinator	David L. Antczak	B. S. Salem State College 1961	7	7

## SCHOOL CENSUS as of October 1, 1968

	Boys	Girls	Total
From 5 to 7	91	98	189
From 7 to 16	<u>405</u>	<u>391</u>	<u>796</u>
	496	489	985

## NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Stations WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 a.m. - 11 - 11 - 11 No School, all grades.



1969  
MERRIMAC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	Appropriated 1968	Expended 1968	Request 1969
ADMINISTRATION:			
School Committee Exp.	\$ 450.00	\$ 465.17	\$ 450.00
Superintendent's Sal.	3,000.00	3,088.26	3,267.00
Secretarial Salary	2,430.33	2,245.16	2,287.33
School Census	200.00	200.00	200.00
Office Expense	100.00	100.00	250.00
Trans & Expense	200.00	200.00	200.00
Asst. Super. Salary	1,991.66	2,079.47	2,250.00
Asst. Super. Travel	200.00	200.00	200.00
Data Processing: Att.	200.00	200.00	None
INSTRUCTION:			
Adm. Salaries	15,867.00	14,190.17	22,633.00
Adm. Expense	300.00	264.90	400.00
Clerical Salaries	3,370.00	3,076.35	6,728.00
Teachers' Salaries	191,966.00	188,066.48	263,985.67
General Supplies	6,700.00	5,451.10	7,721.00
Textbooks-Workbooks	6,100.00	3,716.14	6,922.00
Library Supplies	100.00	63.95	200.00
Educational TV Assess.	400.00	421.50	400.00
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:			
Supervisor of Att.	100.00	40.00	100.00
School Physician	600.00	600.00	700.00
School Nurse	3,330.00	2,655.64	3,932.00
Health Supplies	200.00	201.62	100.00
Nurse's Travel	None	None	50.00

Transportation: Reg.	11,600.00	12,987.00	16,460.00
Transportation: Spec. Cl.	1,740.00	1,308.50	1,800.00
Transportation: Educa.	500.00	448.35	700.00
Teacher Aides	3,237.50	3,953.65	6,475.00
Mental Health Clinic	None	100.00	300.00

#### OPERATION & MAINTENANCE:

Custodians' Salaries	13,877.50	13,653.69	18,000.00
Custodians' Supplies	1,100.00	1,355.58	2,000.00
Fuel	3,300.00	4,943.21	5,500.00
Telephones	575.00	473.37	600.00
Building Maintenance	1,000.00	2,585.25	3,290.00
Equipment Repair	200.00	257.04	350.00
Grounds Maintenance	None	83.31	350.00
School Lunch Program	None	None	3,450.00

#### ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS:

	2,625.00	2,712.80	5,340.00
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#### PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS:

Special Class Tuition	3,360.00	2,830.64	1,478.00
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	\$280,919.99
Less Avail Funds	3,422.14
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	\$277,498.00	\$275,218.30	\$389,069.00
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#### VOCATIONAL:

Tuition	\$ 5,456.00	\$ 5,405.65	\$ 5,456.00
Transportation	<u>800.00</u>	<u>708.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>
	\$ 6,256.00	\$ 6,113.65	\$ 6,256.00

# **Report of the PENTUCKET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE For The**

**Year Ending - December 31, 1968**

In accordance with Chapter 71, Section 16K, the Pentucket Regional District School Committee submits its fourteenth annual report to each of the member towns.

## **SCHOOL OFFICERS**

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To the Selectmen and Citizens of  
Groveland, Merrimac, and West Newbury:

The Pentucket Regional School Committee submits the following report for 1968. To conduct its necessary operational business and legal affairs during 1968 as defined in the Region's Agreement and the laws of the Commonwealth, your school Committee held over 40 regular meetings. In addition to the regular meetings of the Committee, there were 15 meetings to implement the Collective Bargaining Law (Chapter 763, 1965). As a result of the negotiating sessions of the past two years equitable salary schedules have been drawn between the parties and a contract has been agreed upon which defines many conditions of employment.

In reviewing 1968 we can point to progress in establishing a sound academic atmosphere for learning. An improved salary schedule for teachers has made it possible to hold more staff members from year to year, and to attract many more promising new teachers than in previous years. This has been a distinct asset to the school since evidence is available to indicate that next in importance to the pupil in the school is the availability of good teachers. Another improvement to the overall performance of the school was the separation of the responsibility for the junior high school. In 1968 separate principals were retained for each building; each building has become a center for better teaching and better learning. The long-range effect of this decision will undoubtedly show additional advantages.

In the 1967 annual report this Committee reviewed in depth the reimbursements for education in the regional school district and the sources thereof. The expected estimates for 1969 are similar and will not be repeated at this time. At that time the school program was also reviewed with any pertinent comments.

At this time we propose to present some of the studies and analysis developed for the general public and town officials at the November hearings on the 1969 school budget which may be of interest to you. The school budget for 1969 amounts to \$1,533,696.00. Broken into categories as prescribed by returns to the State, the details are:



Administration	\$ 30,737.00 = 2.00%
Instruction	843,778.00 = 55.02%
Other School Services	133,464.00 = 8.70%
Operation & Maintenance	145,025.00 = 9.46%
Fixed Charges	30,635.00 = 2.00%
Community Services	650.00 = .04%
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	25,732.00 = 1.68%
Debt Service & Retirement	323,675.00 = 21.10%
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	\$1,533,696.00 100.00%

By the use of estimated receipts for 1969, unused Federal funds and a transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Fund, \$268,696.00 will be used to decrease the total amount of money which must be raised by the region. The total amount of money which must be raised will therefore amount to \$1,265,000.00.

A complete detailed description of the budget is attached to the end of this report and may be consulted for further information. In examining the above distribution two large categories, instruction and debt retirement represent over 76 per cent of the total request. Debt Service and Retirement are obligations of the district to pay for the Junior and Senior High School buildings, payments on the principal, amounting to \$220,000.00 and interest charges of \$103,675.00. Instruction includes all teaching salaries, supplies and materials, textbooks, library services, audio-visual materials and guidance services.

Other School Services representing 8.70 per cent of the budget include regular pupil transportation which is 100% reimbursable, attendance and health services, and athletics. Operation & Maintenance (9.46%) represents the cost of heat and utilities, custodial services, grounds and building maintenances. Fixed charges consist of employment retirement, insurances and interest on current loans.

In presenting this report your Committee extends its appreciation to everyone that has helped to make the past year an educational milestone in local educational history. This committee has striven to operate the school according to the expressed or implied will of the majority of people in the district. The committee is mindful of the conflicting aspects in education. It has carried on its efforts with the knowledge that its decisions do make a difference in the quality of education

in the region.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS V. CROOK, M. D., Chairman

JOHN R. LANGE

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RHODERICK D. MACDONALD

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## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee:

From time to time we as individuals, or as a group, become involved in discussions of education, of costs, values and returns on our investments of time and effort. These matters have involved others as well as us. The returns on our investments have been misunderstood or misinterpreted. Sometimes we have failed to tell the full story of the accomplishments that we have achieved.

Recent years have brought some thorough investigations and studies of the conditions which bear upon our schools as well as those throughout the nation. This report will excerpt some of the more profound studies which bear on national and local conditions, and help to explain the reality of the present. Quoted here is an excerpt of a May, 1968 report in the Education Digest which was entitled Only Relative Quality.

"Our standard of living, our scientific and technological advances, our material wealth attest to the success of the educational experience. On the other hand, however, there is poverty; there is unemployment; there is apathy at the polls; there are dropouts and pushouts; there are obvious gaps in the product. Quality remains relative to goal, and the present expenditure is bringing about only relative quality. The question is whether this level of quality is acceptable and, indeed, whether the present rate of expenditure will even maintain that quality.

The second major assumption of the topic is that education is a cost. Actually, it is the highest yield investment available to a man today, and he cannot survive without a substantial amount in his portfolio. An American ambassador in the Wilson era said, "By the right training of men, we add to the wealth of the world. All wealth is the creation of man, and he creates it only in proportion to the trained uses of the community; and the more men we train, the more wealth everyone may create."

Expenditures for education are now considered a necessary investment in human capital which, if discontinued, would be disastrous economically, politically, and socially. Education is an investment rather than a cost; it is a mortgage payment rather than rent. It is a matter now of how much cost we can afford, but of how much we are willing to invest in the future lives of our children.

A final assumption of the question, "Must quality education cost more?" warrants the response, "More than what?" More than the riots of Watts, Detroit, Newark? More than the mental and physical suffering on unemployment? More than the multi-millions of dollars in welfare and institutional costs? Must education, quality education, cost more than these?

The truth is that education is the biggest bargain of all the social services of government. Compare the national average annual expenditure of approximately \$565 per child in the public elementary and secondary schools with the average weekly cost of \$44.00 per unemployed worker and the thousands of dollars per year to maintain a criminal in a penal institution. Indeed, economists say that if taxes for education were cut drastically, and spending severely curtailed by the schools, other costs to government would undoubtedly increase. The lack of a quality education program will tend to produce individuals who cannot contribute effectively to society and who will be prone to crime, unemployment, and general irresponsibility, creating need for other governmental services."

Another study of national and local interest, Equality of Educational Opportunity, by James B. Coleman - the so-called Coleman Report as described in the popular press and magazines, has effectively presented evidence which confirms what was frequently stated relative to comparing schools and pupils but which rested on judgments rather than facts. Coleman's analysis revealed the school-to-school variance in pupil achievement



in proportions of ten and twenty percent: School to school variations in achievement from whatever source (Community differences, variations in the average home background of the student body, or variations in school factors), are much smaller than individual variations within the school, at all grade levels, for all racial and ethnic groups. This means that most of the variation in achievement could not possibly be accounted for by school differences, since most of it lies within the school.

Altogether, the sources of inequality of educational opportunity appear to lie first in the home itself and the cultural influences immediately surrounding the home; then they lie in the school's ineffectiveness to free achievement from the impact of the home, and in the school's cultural homogeneity which perpetuates the social influences of the home and its environs.

Not that schools have no effect - a preposterous notion - but rather that, by and large, given the vast educational system of the United States, they appear to have surprisingly similar effects .....

The most important ingredients in a school, says Coleman, are not the grown-ups, and certainly not the fixtures, but the young people themselves. He found that a sense of control of one's own destiny was by far the best predictor of performance. We do not know how this attitude comes about, but it is likely that Coleman has isolated a highly significant variable in school success.

In our deliberations of education locally we must keep in perspective what the people want for their children. Each parent has hopes and aspirations for his child or children. Parents have entrusted their possessions by law to the schools to foster their intellectual and social growth. This is a grave responsibility which is made more difficult in these changing times with conflicting strains and value judgments. Although general support of our educational goals is evident the other demands of our society sometimes draw attention away from the needs of our children. We must continue to sustain the efforts of the great bulk of our concerned parents for the educational welfare of their children.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN C. JAKOBKE  
Superintendent of Schools

# DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF - 1967-1968 PENTUCKET REGIONAL JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Principal High School	Bernard F. Ryder	CAGS University of Massachusetts A. B. Providence College, R. I. 1955	
Assistant Principal	Donald B. Elsemore	M. Ed. Bridgewater State College 1958 Began 9/1/68	
Principal Jr. High School	Bertram D. Fecteau	M. Ed. Keene State College 1960	Resigned 8/15/68
Assistant Principal	Francis J. Ferreira	M. Ed. Boston University 1955	3
Guidance	William H. Whiting	M. Ed. Salem State College 1964	8
	Maurice Feingold	M. Ed. Northeastern University 1961	8
		M. in Guidance, Boston University 1963	6
		CAGS Boston University 1965	
Guidance	Kenneth B. Wood	M. Ed. Salem State College 1964	6
Guidance	Dorothy M. Mesle	M. Ed. Salem State College 1964	4
Guidance	Robert Fanning	M. Ed. Salem State College 1964	4
Guidance	Milton A. MacDonald	M. Ed. Rutgers University 1966	Began 9/1/68
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Alta C. Herron	B. P. E. Posse-Nissen 1924	5
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Laura J. Parker	B. S. Bridgewater State College 1967	1
Boys' Phys. Ed. Dir.	Thomas J. Flaherty	M. A. T. Brown University 1961	5
Boys' Phys. Ed.	Raymond E. Stickney	B. Ed. Plymouth State College 1964	4
English Dept. Head H. S.	Ronald L. Fenerty	B. A. University of N. H. 1961	7
English	Stephen Voltero	B. S. Merrimack College 1962	4
English	Cornelia E. Wolfe	B. A. Boston University	10
English	John J. McKittrick	A. B. Lowell State 1965	3
English	Linda M. Salce	B. S. Merrimack College 1965	Resigned 1/5/68
English Dept. Hd. Jr. H.	Albert E. Belanger	B. S. Salem State College 1961	2

English	Janice A. Fowler	B. S. Northeastern University 1967	1
English	Harold F. Nichols	B. A. Norwich University 1964	Resigned 6/30/68
English	William J. Martin	B. S. Northeastern University	2
English	Dorothy A. Rostovsky	B. S. Lyndon Teachers College 1963	1
English	Constance L. Fall	B. S. Salem State College 1968	Began 9/1/68
English	Ellen A. Losano	A. B. Mount Holyoke College 1966	Began 9/1/68
English	John F. Walsh	B. ED. Merrimack College 1968	Began 9/1/68
Reading Coordinator	Edward J. Milonas	A. B. Gordon College 1948	1
Reading	Margaret S. Murdoch	A. B. Gordon College 1950	Resigned 1/12/68
Reading	William B. Normand	B. A. Northern Michigan University 1966	1
		M. Ed. Salem State College 1966	
Reading	Patricia R. Card	B. S. Gordon College 1966	Began 9/1/68
Latin, English	Richard L. Canepa	B. A. Salem State College 1962	4
French	Roger Roy	B. A. Marist College 1964	3
French	Russell C. Steinert	B. S. University of N.H. 1951	Resigned 6/30/68
French Dept. Head	John E. Durant	A. B. ST. Anselm's College 1963	Began 9/1/68
Lab. Assistant	Simone Zalewski	Cour Complementary Commercial, Paris	5
Spanish	Hazel W. Owen	A. B. Boston University 1941	5
German, Russian	Brenda Knapp	A. B. Boston University 1967	Resigned 6/30/68
German	Sydney R. Newman	B. S. Boston University 1968	Began 9/1/68
Physical Science Dept. Head	Robert E. Knights	M. Ed. Harvard	10
Biological Science	Melvin Pollack	B. S. Boston University 1958	10
Science	Joseph Derro, Jr.	B. S. North Carolina State 1954	10
		M. Ed. Salem State College 1966	
Science	Dudley W. Baldwin	B. S. Mass. College of Pharmacy 1957	4
Science Dept. Hd. Jr. H.	Robert E. Anton	B. S. University of Mass. 1957	5
Science	James C. Connor	B. S. University of N.H. 1957	3
Science	Frederick P. Gabriel	A. B. Merrimack College 1963	Resigned 6/30/68
Science	Mildred E. Kelley	B. S. University of Maine 1967	1
Science	Janice M. Storch	B. A. Merrimack College 1967	1
Science	J. Arthur Tufts	M. Ed. Boston University 1961	Resigned 6/30/68



# DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Science	Donna Woytovich	B.S. University of Mass. 1968	Began 9/1/68
Science	James M. McBride	B. Ed. State University College at Oneonta, N.Y. 1960	Began 9/1/68
Social Studies Dept. Hd.	Joseph Sherry	B.S. Boston College 1942	5
Social Studies	Louis A. Porcelli	M. Ed. Salem State College 1967	
Social Studies & Science	Herman T. Diehl, Jr.	B.S. Ed. Boston University 1958	Resigned 6/30/68
Social Studies Dept. Hd. JR. H.	Minas Dakos	B.S. University of Maine 1961	Began 9/1/68
Social Studies	Marilyn Hershfield	B.A. Boston University 1961	5
Social Studies	John J. O'Wril	M.A. Boston University 1946	1
Social Studies	David T. Rose	B. Ed. Plymouth State College 1963	1
Social Studies	Gerry J. Hull	M.A. Western Michigan University 1963	Resigned 6/30/68
Social Studies	Robert P. Ruzkowski	A.B. University of Mass. 1965	3
Social Studies	David G. Buckley	B.S. Salem State Teachers' College 1965	3
Social Studies	James A. Romano	B.A. Gordon College 1963	2
Social Studies	George P. Michaleas	A.B. Assumption College 1966	Began 9/1/68
Social Studies	David E. Morse	B.S. Salem State College 1966	1
Social Studies	Arnold G. Zins	B.S. Springfield College 1968	Began 9/1/68
Mathematics Dept. Hd. H.S.	Raymond L. MacNeil	B.A. Amherst College 1954	9
Mathematics Dept. Hd. Jr. H.	Patricia A. Kent	B.S. Boston University 1951	6
Mathematics	Charles R. Stortstrom	B.A. Salem State College 1966	2
Mathematics	Mary Archambault	A.B. Salem State College 1966	2
Mathematics	Barbara A. Deacon	A.B. Salem State College 1967	Resigned 12/31/67
Mathematics	Alan L. Mason	B.S. Gordon College 1967	1
Mathematics	David D. Moore	B.S. Salem State College 1965	1
Mathematics		A.B. Northeastern University	1



Mathematics	Nancy A. Brown	B. Ed. Bridgewater State 1964	Began 9/1/68
Mathematics	George J. DeLawrence	B. S. Salem State College 1958	Began 9/1/68
Mathematics	Joyce E. Young	B. Ed. Plymouth State College 1968	Began 9/1/68
Commercial Dept. Head	Arthur W. Cook	B. S. Ed. Salem State College	Resigned 6/30/68
Commercial Dept. Head	John D. Ricker	B. E. Plymouth State College 1965	Began 9/1/68
Commercial	William T. Loughlin	B. B. S. New Hampshire College 1966	1
Commercial	Geraldine M. Sanzo	B. S. Salem State College 1967	1
Industrial Arts Dept. Head	Robert S. Hawes	B. S. Northeastern University 1960	8
Industrial Arts-Woodworking	James D. Schultz	B. S. Fitchburg State College 1961	7
Industrial Arts	Nils Sander	Westfield College	Resigned 6/30/68
Industrial ArtsMech. Drawing	Donald L. Pinciario	B. S. Fitchburg State College 1964	4
Industrial Arts	Michael A. Babin	B. Ed. Keene Teachers College 1965	Began 9/1/68
Home Economics	Mary V. Coder	B. S. Simmons College 1941	2
Home Economics	Carol A. Hamblett	B. S. Valparaiso University 1964	Resigned 6/30/68
Home Economics	Marilyn A. Corcoran	B. A. Louisiana State University 1949	Began 10/7/68
Data Processing	Marjorie A. Berkey	B. A. Hanover College	3
Vocal Music	Frank T. Esile	B. S. Ed. Lowell State College 1958	5
Music and Band	Robert W. Howard	B. S. Lowell State College 1962	2
Vocal Music	Leon E. Renaud	B. S. Mus. Ed. Lowell State College 1962	2
Art Dept. Head	Nancy A. Norton	A. B. Smith College 1959	2
Art	Diana M. Leigh	M. A. T. Assumption College 1962	
Librarian	Ruth N. Parker	B. F. A. George School Fine Arts 1955	1
Assistant Librarian	Ann McCarville	A. B. Coker College 1942	10
Assistant Librarian	Dorothy J. Whiting		1
Special Education	J. Arthur Melanson	M. Ed. Salem State College 1967	Began 9/1/68

1968-1969

# SCHOOL CALENDAR PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL

1968

September 3 & 4 Tues. & Wed.

Orientation Days

5 Thursday

School opens

November

8 Friday

Schools closed-Teachers'

In-Service Ends 1st quarter

46 days

11 Monday

Veterans' Day-Schools closed

27 Wednesday

Schools close at end of school  
day for Thanksgiving

December

2 Monday

Schools open

20 Friday

Schools close at noon for the  
Christmas holidays

1969

January

2 Thursday

Schools open

15, 16, 17

Mid-Year Exams

24 Friday

Ends 2nd quarter-44 days

February

14 Friday

Schools close for Winter  
vacation

24 Monday

Schools open

April

4 Friday

Schools closed-Good Friday

11 Friday

Ends 3rd quarter-49 days

21 Monday

Schools close for Spring  
vacation

28 Monday

Schools open

May

26 Monday

Schools closed-Memorial Day  
Observance

June

6 Friday

Last day for Seniors

6 Friday

Baccalaureate

8 Sunday

Graduation

13, 16, 17

Final Exams

20 Friday

Last Day of school

Ends 4th quarter-44 days

183 days - A = 182

Approved May 7, 1968

1969

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET  
ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Professional Salary	1,100.00
Contracted Services	2,530.00
Supplies and Materials	400.00
Other Expenses	795.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:

Professional Salaries	17,350.00	
Secretarial Salaries	6,862.00	
Supplies and Materials	750.00	
Other Expenses	<u>900.00</u>	\$ 30,737.00

INSTRUCTION

SUPERVISION:

Professional Salaries	8,900.00
Supplies and Materials	475.00

PRINCIPALS' OFFICES:

Professional Salaries	55,405.00
Secretarial Salaries	14,704.00
Contracted Services	5,280.00
Supplies and Materials	5,250.00
Other Expenses	2,029.00

TEACHING:

Professional Salaries	619,000.00
Summer School Salaries	1,010.00
Contracted Services	2,600.00
Supplies and Materials	25,000.00
Other Expenses	3,113.00

TEXTBOOKS:

Supplies and Materials	17,817.00
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LIBRARY SERVICES:

Professional Salaries	15,500.00
Contracted Services	100.00
Supplies and Materials	2,200.00
Other Expenses	50.00

AUDIO VISUAL PROGRAM:

Professional Salaries	867.00
Supplies and Materials	5,000.00
Other Expenses	100.00

GUIDANCE SERVICES:

Professional Salaries	51,035.00	
Secretarial Salaries	6,004.00	
Supplies and Materials	2,139.00	
Other Expenses	<u>200.00</u>	\$843,778.00

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

ATTENDANCE:

Non-Professional Salaries	500.00
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HEALTH SERVICES:

Professional Salaries	7,050.00
Supplies and Materials	300.00
Other Expenses	50.00

OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES:

Non-Professional Salaries	600.00
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TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTED  
SERVICE:

97,000.00

FOOD SERVICES:

Non-Professional Salaries	5,267.00
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ATHLETICS:

Professional Salaries	9,600.00
Contracted Services	5,500.00
Supplies and Materials	5,921.00
Other Expenses	347.00

OTHER STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES:

Professional Salaries	400.00	
Contracted Services	<u>929.00</u>	\$133,464.00

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

CUSTODIAL SERVICES:

Non-Professional Salaries	71,000.00
Supplies and Materials	6,000.00



HEAT OF BUILDINGS:	13,500.00	
UTILITY SERVICES:		
Supplies and Materials	22,210.00	
MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS:		
Contracted Services	7,500.00	
Supplies and Materials	1,710.00	
MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS:		
Non-Professional Salary	7,000.00	
Contracted Services	8,250.00	
Supplies and Materials	4,000.00	
MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT		
Contracted Services	3,555.00	
Supplies and Materials	<u>300.00</u>	\$145,025.00

#### FIXED CHARGES

Employment Retirement	8,500.00	
Insurance Program	19,135.00	
Debt Service(Current Loans)	<u>3,000.00</u>	\$ 30,635.00

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:	500.00	
ADULT EDUCATION:	<u>150.00</u>	\$ 650.00

#### ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT:		
Equipment: Junior High School	3,000.00	
Equipment: NDEA	4,655.00	
Equipment: Senior High School	6,000.00	
Library Books	6,810.00	
REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT:	<u>5,267.00</u>	\$ 25,732.00

#### DEBT SERVICE & RETIREMENT

DEBT RETIREMENT(Principal, L. T)	\$220,000.00	
DEBT SERVICE (Interest, L. Term)	<u>103,675.00</u>	<u>\$323,675.00</u>

TOTAL BUDGET \$1,533,696.00

# PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 1969 BUDGET

### COST DISTRIBUTIONS

Groveland	10/1/68 Enrollment=590	47.3135%
Merrimac	10/1/68 Enrollment=402	32.2374%
West Newbury	10/1/68 Enrollment= <u>255</u>	<u>20.4491%</u>
	1247	100.0000%

1969 Budget as approved November 26, 1968 --- \$1,533,696.00

Less: Estimated receipts \$218,292.25  
 Transfer from Excess & Def. 50,403.75

Amount used to reduce 1969 Bud. \$268,696.00 268,696.00  
 \$1,265,000.00

#### Assessments to Towns, based on Agreement:

Groveland's share	(47.3135%)	\$598,515.78
Merrimac's share	(32.2374%)	407,803.11
West Newbury's share	(20.4491%)	<u>258,681.11</u>
		\$1,265,000.00

December 17, 1968

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S REPORT

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Cash Balance January 1, 1968	\$292,709.23
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RECEIPTS

Assessments to the Towns	\$1,084,794.00	
Comm. of Mass. Reimbursement	212,726.25	
U.S. Government Grants	22,031.87	
Payroll Deductions	218,315.79	
School Lunch Program Fund	76,101.31	
Athletic Program Fund	3,270.00	
Tuition	270.00	
Rent	277.00	
Miscellaneous	4,899.07	
Refunds	1,651.67	
Unclaimed Checks	7.40	
Sale of Revenue Anticipation Loans	<u>550,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,174,344.36</u>
		\$2,467,053.59

EXPENDITURES

Maintenance & Operation	\$1,002,337.54	
Amortization-Debt&Interest	332,077.50	
Payroll Deduction Payments	218,315.79	
School Lunch Program Fund	78,492.26	
Athletic Program Fund	3,494.10	
Public Law #85-864	624.76	
School Construction	152,658.65	
Revenue Anticipation Notes	<u>550,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,338,000.60</u>
Cash Balance December 31, 1968		\$ 129,052.99

RECEIPTS

TOWN ASSESSMENTS:

Groveland	\$509,373.70	
Merrimac	353,756.75	
West Newbury	<u>221,663.55</u>	<u>\$1,084,794.00</u>

COMM. OF MASS. REIMBURSEMENTS:

Construction Grant	\$131,179.25	
Transportation	<u>81,547.00</u>	\$ 212,726.25

# U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS:

Public Law #874	\$ 7,543.00	
Public Law #85-864	<u>14,488.87</u>	\$ 22,031.87

# PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:

Pioneer Credit Union	\$ 52,940.00	
Federal Withholding Tax	100,475.90	
Mass. Withholding Tax	18,372.21	
Teachers' Retirement Fund	29,381.80	
Essex County Retirement Fund	6,683.05	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	10,160.21	
Life Insurance	286.62	
United Fund	<u>16.00</u>	\$ 218,315.79

# SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FUND:

Sale of Food	\$ 56,120.66	
USDA Reimbursements	<u>19,980.65</u>	\$ 76,101.31

# ATHLETIC PROGRAM FUND:

Ticket Sales		\$ 3,270.00
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# TUITION:

Payment of Out-of-Town Student:		\$ 270.00
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# RENT:

Rental of Cafeteria and Auditorium		\$ 277.00
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# MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:

Industrial Arts Fees	\$ 757.83	
Commission on Pay Phone	34.06	
Locker Key Receipts	41.65	
Sale of Books	197.60	
Vending Machine Receipts	104.20	
Fees for Collecting State Withholding Tax	112.91	
Driver Education Fees	3,309.75	
Payment for Broken Window	27.50	
Payment for Broken Wall Panel	10.00	
Reimbursement for School Band	50.00	
Reimbursement for Phone Calls	33.26	
Reimbursement for Labor	96.75	
Reimbursement for Paint	100.00	
Reimbursement for Student Bus	15.00	
Reimbursement for Postage	<u>8.56</u>	\$ 4,899.07



# REFUNDS:

Insurance Payment for Explosion Damage	\$	1,651.67
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# UNCASHED CHECKS:

7.40

# TEMPORARY LOANS:

## Sale of Revenue Anticipation Notes

March 27, 1968-56 Day note	300,000.00	
June 20, 1968-64 day note	200,000.00	
Oct. 24, 1968-29 day note	<u>50,000.00</u>	\$ <u>550,000.00</u>

Total Receipts Year Ended December 31, 1968	\$2,174,344.36
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# EXPENDITURES

## MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION:

\$1,002,337.54

## AMORTIZATION:

Payment of Principal	\$220,000.00	
Payment of Interest	<u>112,077.50</u>	\$ 332,077.50

## PAYROLL DEDUCTION PAYMENTS:

Pioneer Credit Union	\$ 52,940.00	
Federal Withholding Tax	100,475.90	
Mass. Withholding Tax	18,372.21	
Teachers' Retirement Fund	29,381.80	
Essex County Retirement Fund	6,683.05	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	10,160.21	
Life Insurance	286.62	
United Fund	<u>16.00</u>	\$ 218,315.79

## SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FUND:

Salaries	\$ 31,430.11	
Food	40,586.85	
Other	<u>6,475.30</u>	\$ 78,492.26

## ATHLETIC PROGRAM FUND:

Referees, Police, Custodians & Ticket Sellers	\$ 2,921.50	
Equipment	324.90	
Food	105.60	
Transportation	<u>142.10</u>	\$ 3,494.10

## PUBLIC LAW #85-864:

Science Equipment	\$	624.76
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## SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION:

General Contractor	\$ 99,159.46	
Equipment	<u>53,499.19</u>	\$ 152,658.65

## REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES:

Note Due May 23, 1968	\$300,000.00	
Note Due Aug. 22, 1968	200,000.00	
Note Due Nov. 22, 1968	<u>50,000.00</u>	\$ <u>550,000.00</u>

Total Expenses Year Ended December 31, 1968    \$2,338,000.60

## 1968 EXPENSES MAINTENANCE & OPERATION DETAILS

### ADMINISTRATION

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Professional Salaries	1,000.00
Contracted Services	7,465.39
Supplies and Materials	277.05
Other Expenses	1,147.15

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:

Professional Salaries	16,202.89	
Secretaries' Salaries	6,628.00	
Office Supplies	850.00	
Other Expenses	<u>715.49</u>	\$ 34,285.97

### INSTRUCTION

#### SUPERVISION:

Professional Salaries	7,674.54
Supplies and Materials	339.88

#### PRINCIPALS OFFICE:

Professional Salaries	39,015.58
Secretaries' Salaries	13,845.97
Contracted Services	4,626.76
Supplies and Materials	4,402.06
Other Expenses	1,077.43

#### TEACHING:

Professional Salaries	508,899.10
Summer School Salaries	None
Contracted Services	1,778.12

Supplies and Materials	22,623.30	
Other Expenses	1,329.73	
TEXTBOOKS:	18,167.00	
LIBRARY SERVICES:		
Professional Salaries	13,851.40	
Contracted Services	113.15	
Supplies and Materials	1,907.20	
Other Expenses	33.66	
AUDIO-VISUAL PROGRAM:		
Professional Salaries	536.05	
Supplies and materials	4,189.06	
Other Expenses	37.56	
GUIDANCE SERVICES:		
Professional Salaries	30,291.86	
Secretaries' Salaries	4,892.75	
Supplies and Materials	1,705.05	
Other Expenses	99.05	681,436.26

#### OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

ATTENDANCE:		
Non-Professional Salaries	460.00	
HEALTH SERVICES:		
Professional Salaries	6,698.30	
Supplies and Materials	168.58	
Other Expenses	12.16	
OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES:		
Non-Professional Salaries	None	
TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTED SERVICES:	88,991.50	
ATHLETICS:		
Professional Salaries	7,533.00	
Contracted Services	4,557.28	
Supplies and Materials	5,918.48	
Other Expenses	256.50	
OTHER STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES:		
Professional Salaries	200.00	

Contracted Services	<u>452.12</u>	115,247.92
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## OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

### CUSTODIAL SERVICES:

Non-Professional Salaries	60,058.34	
Supplies and Materials	4,706.98	

HEAT OF BUILDINGS:	14,106.73	
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### UTILITY SERVICES:

Supplies and Materials	23,039.86	
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### MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS:

Contracted Services	7,118.61	
Supplies and Materials	1,477.39	

### MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS:

Non-Professional Salaries	6,498.25	
Contracted Services	9,963.51	
Supplies and Materials	4,229.42	

### MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT:

Contracted Services	3,375.19	
Supplies and Materials	<u>299.94</u>	134,874.22

## FIXED CHARGES

Employment Retirement	7,054.43	
Insurance Program	17,141.52	
Debt Service (Current Loans)	<u>2,733.12</u>	26,929.07

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:		31.90
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ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT:	4,419.33	
REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT:	<u>5,112.87</u>	<u>9,532.20</u>

\$1,002,337.54



PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1968

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash:			
General	\$ 129,052.99	Revolving Funds:	
Petty	50.00	School Lunch Fund	2,604.38
		Athletic Fund	3,071.82
		Public Law #88-210	52.50
		Reserve for Petty Cash	50.00
		Tailings - Unclaimed Checks	63.62
		School Construction	13,243.42
		Surplus Revenue	<u>110,017.25</u>
	\$ 129,102.99		\$ 129,102.99

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$2,702,000.00	School Construction Loans:	
		October 1, 1955	\$ 19,000.00
		January 15, 1957	450,000.00
		December 1, 1957	380,000.00
		July 15, 1964	28,000.00
		December 15, 1965	850,000.00
		December 15, 1966	<u>975,000.00</u>
	\$2,702,000.00		\$2,702,000.00

SYDNEY A. O'NEILL, Treasurer







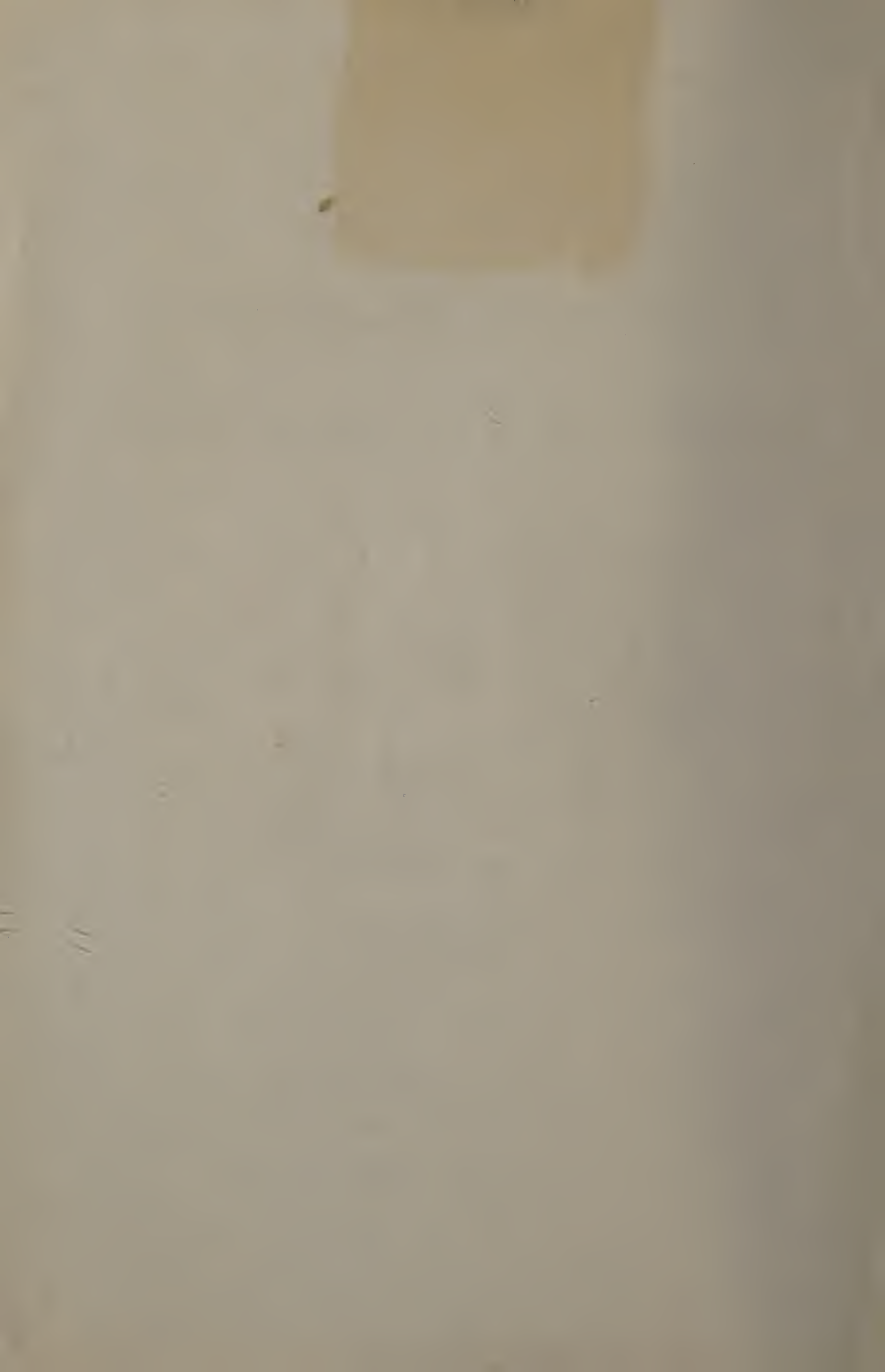


**Report of the**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**MERRIMAC, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**1968**



A summary of recommendations to be presented at  
the Annual Town Meeting in the Town Hall

FEBRUARY 26, 1968



day night at 7:30

## Bishop Is Named To Finance Board

MERRIMAC — Forrest Bishop, Church St., has been appointed a member of the Finance Board by moderator Robert Eckert.

Dear Fellow

Bishop will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Raymond Emmert.

The Finance Board

result of many discussions, comparing, and compiling with the approval of every town employee or official. However, we have gone over every item from start to finish and sincerely believe that the recommendations are in the best interests of the town of Merrimac.

We think that you will be amazed at how well the recommended expenditures have held the line - with one exception. Here it is appropriate to note that the Finance Committee's sole function is not to "cut the budget", but to try to arrive, with department heads, at figures which are adequate and yet financially reasonable.

The exception noted above, of course, is the school department budget. We think that some of its requests are excessive. We are concerned about school committee members who vote huge sums with little regard for the town's financial condition. We are equally concerned about state legislators who impose unrealistic minimum wage rates for teachers and who impose too liberal collective bargaining laws.

Even though we can predict only a small tax rate rise this year, the future holds many financial challenges. We face the possibility of lessening state reimbursements, more and more tax abatements, a relatively stagnant tax base, town government costs rising faster than revenue, and the one huge imponderable at this time - a million dollar (plus) sewage system. We'll need long range planning, clear thinking, and firm determination as never before.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Lawton Crane - *Resigned*

Frank Drenth

Raymond E. Emmert - *Resigned 1968*

Kenneth Fowle, Secretary

Richard P. Hamel

Walter S. Perkins, Chairman - *Resigned 1968*

Alexander M. Sullivan

ROBERT E. KENT (APP. 9/16/68)

FORREST L. BISHOP (APP. 10/22/68)

JAMES S. SMITH (APP. 6/11/69)

Item No.	Average Expended 1964-66	Expended 1967		Recommended 1968
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT 2.98% of TOTAL

1	\$ 12.	\$ 12.	<u>Moderator</u> Salary	\$ 12.
2	83.	50.	<u>Finance Committee</u> Clerical Assistance	50.
3	266.	296.	Expense	350.
4	900.	900.	<u>Selectmen</u> Salary	900.
5	1,311.	1,350.	Clerical Assistance	1,350.
6	1,081.	688.	Expense	1,000.
7	4,093.	5,200.	<u>Accountant</u> Salary (Req.\$5720.)	5,512.
8	677.	300.	Clerical Assistance	300.
9	84.	86.	Expense	100.
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10	1,067.	1,200.	<u>Treasurer</u> Salary	1,200.
11	100.	200.	Clerical Assistance	200.
12	1,168.	900.	Expense	2,100.
13	2,500.	2,500.	<u>Tax Collector</u> Salary	2,500.
14	130.	200.	Clerical Assistance	200.
15	872	1,166.	Expense	1,300.
16	1,830.	500.)	<u>Assessors</u> Salaries - Chairman(Req.\$3300)	600.
17		400)	Clerk	500.
18		333.)	Member	500.
19	847.	950.	Clerical Assistance	1,560.
20		298.	Survey	400.
21	736.	1,018.	Expense (Req.\$2400.)	700.
			Assessors School	100.
22	757.	750.	<u>Legal Suits &amp; Expense</u> Town Counsel - Salary	750.
23	121.	350.	Expense	350.
24	600.	600.	<u>Town Clerk</u> Salary	600.
25	133.	400.	Clerical Assistance	
26	394.	434.	Expense	560.



			<u>Election Officers</u>	
27	\$	871.	\$	160.
28		85.		52.
			Wages	\$ 880.
			Expense	108.
			<u>Registrars</u>	
29		250.	Salaries	250.
30		100.	Clerical Expense	100.
31		64.	Expense	125.
32		400.	Census Taker	400.
			<u>Planning Board</u>	
33		232.	Expense	200.
			<u>Town Hall</u>	
34		834.	Janitor Wages	840.
35		1,998.	Maintenance	2,000
36		641.	Repairs, in, on, around (\$825)	700.
37		<u>544.</u>	<u>Bonding Town Officers</u>	<u>558.</u>
		25,780.		
		25,805.		
			<u>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>\$29,855</u>

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY 4.93% of TOTAL

			<u>Police Department</u>	
38		6,085.	Salaries - Chief	6,980.
39		4,485.	Sergeant	6,120.
40		4,404.	Patrolmen	10,360.
41		5,950.	Wages - Specials	4,280.
42		1,273.	Clerk	1,560.
43		2,382.	Expense	3,786.
44		500.	Board Prisoners in Amesbury	500.
		<u>2,382.</u>	New Cruiser	
		25,079.		
		32,658.		
			<u>TOTAL POLICE</u>	<u>\$33,586.</u>
			<u>Fire Department</u>	
45		650.	Salaries - Engineers	650.
46		3,798.	Wages - Firemen	4,100.
47		200.	Forest Fire Warden	200.
48		<u>3,905.</u>	Expense	<u>3,700.</u>
		8,553.		
		9,995.		
			<u>TOTAL FIRE</u>	<u>8,650.</u>
			<u>Board of Appeals</u>	
49			Clerk	50.
50		33.	Expense	100.

			<u>Inspector of Wiring</u>	
51	250.	250.	Salary	350.
52	50.	50.	Expense	50.
			<u>Inspector of Gas</u>	
53	257.	275.	Salary	350.
54	70.	75.	Expense (Req.\$100)	75.
			<u>Inspector of Oil Burners</u>	
55	150.	150.	Salary	150.
56	50.	50.	Expense	50.
			<u>Inspector of Plumbing</u>	
57		300.	Salary	300.
			<u>Inspector of Sewage</u>	
58	(5 mos,)	125.	Salary	300.
			<u>Tree Department</u>	
59	746.	900.	Wages - Tree Warden	300.
60	511.	680.	Expense	800.
61	500.	500.	New Trees	500.
62	630.	0.	Stump Removal	400.
63	30.	24.	Town Forest - Wages	50.
64	87.	0.	Moth Department - Wages	
65	626.	495.	Expense	700.
66	1,253.	658.	Dutch Elm - Wages	
67	558.	195.	Expense	750.
			<u>Dog Officer</u>	
68	133.	200.	Salary	200.
69	282.	289.	Expense	300.
			<u>Civil Defense</u>	
70	300.	300.	Salary	300.
71	1,219.	1,042.	Expense	1,000.
	<u>7,735.</u>	<u>6,602.</u>		
<u>TOTAL PROTECTION PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY \$ 49,336.</u>				

HEALTH & SANITATION .86% of Total

72	1,875.	1,875.	<u>Health Nurse - Salary</u>	1,875.
73	195.	132.	Expense	200.
74	13.	45.	<u>Board of Health - Animal Burials</u>	100.
75	2,509.	409.	Other	1,500.
76	166.	133.	<u>Vital Statistics</u>	180.
77	100.	100.	<u>Inspector of Animals - Salary</u>	100.
78	7.	10.	Expense	10.

79	22.	25.	<u>Inspector of Milk</u> - Salary	25.
80	7.	10.	Expense	10.
81	20.	20.	<u>Inspector of Slaughtering</u> - Sal.	20.
82	5.	5.	Expense	5.
83	1,581.	3,640.	<u>Dump Maintenance</u> - Salary	3,640.
84	<u>1,715.</u>	<u>837.</u>	Expense	<u>1,000.</u>
	8,215.	7,241.		
<u>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; SANITATION</u>				<u>8,665.</u>

#### HIGHWAYS 4.57% of Total

85		5,873.	Supt. Salary (\$5970)	
86	19,225.	16,311.	Wages (\$16,582)	
87	41,273.	45,400.	Expense	
88	4,000.	3,980.	Road Machinery	4,000.
89	2,210.	3,957.	Thickly Seilled	4,000.
90	14,525.	5,450.	Chapter 81	5,450.
		(9,075.)	" " Trans. S.R.	(9,075.)
91	13,166.	3,250.	Chapter 90, Const.	3,250.
		(10,236.)	" " " Trans.S.R.	(9,750.)
92	1,500.	1,000.	Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,000.
		(500.)	" " " Trans.S.R.	(500.)
93	15,842.	20,230.	Snow & Washouts	18,000.
94	1,472.	1,509.	Sidewalks	1,500.
95	7,783.	8,386.	Street Lights	8,552.
	<u>60,498.</u>	<u>47,762.</u>		
<u>TOTAL HIGHWAYS</u>				<u>45,752.</u>

#### CHARITIES 2.64% of Total

96	3,249.	5,153.	General Relief	3,500.
97	19,700.	11,408.	Aid Families w/Dependent Children	2,500.
98	9,144.	3,716.	Disability	500.
99	36,755.	36,692.	Medical Aid	20,000.
100	<u>58,274.</u>	<u>13,724.</u>	Old Age Assistance	<u>0.</u>
	127,122.	70,693.		
<u>TOTAL CHARITIES</u>				<u>26,500.</u>

#### VETERANS BENEFITS .37% of Total

101	567.	900.	Service Officer - Salary	900.
102	200.	200.	Expense	200.
103	139.	140.	Care Veterans Graves	150.
104	300.	300.	Soldiers Benefits - Clerk	450.
105	<u>2,957.</u>	<u>1,896.</u>	Expense	<u>2,000.</u>
	4,163.	3,436.		
<u>TOTAL VETERANS BENEFITS</u>				<u>3,700.</u>



SCHOOLS 64.13% of Total

106	149,498.	180,816.	Elementary - Salaries & Wages	239,970.
107	27,790.	30,063.	Expense	<u>35,850.</u>
			TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	275,820.
			Less Available Funds	<u>(3,422)</u>
				272,398.
108	6,081.	14,270.	Special Class Tuition & Trans.	5,100.
109	23,747.	22,179.	Lunch Program	4,300.
110	4,439.	4,658.	Vocational Tuition & Trans.	6,256.
111	<u>238,448.</u>	<u>312,153.</u>	Pentucket Regional Assessment	<u>353,757.</u>
	450,003	564,139.		
			TOTAL SCHOOLS	<u>641,811.</u>

LIBRARY .69% of Total

112	2,892.	3,935.	Salary & Wages	5,520.
113	2,320.	2,744.	Expense	3,885.
	<u>(1,505.)</u>	<u>( 440.)</u>	Less Estimated Income	<u>(2,515)</u>
	3,707.	6,239.		
			TOTAL LIBRARY	<u>6,890.</u>

RECREATION .36% of Total

114	888.	935.	Playground - Wages	1,300.
115	911.	130.	Expense	1,000.
116	933.	1,000	Supervised Play - Wages	1,050.
117	<u>300.</u>	<u>300.</u>	Christmas Parade	<u>300.</u>
	3,032.	2,365.		
			TOTAL RECREATION	<u>3,650.</u>

PENSIONS 1.64% of Total

118	13,508.	15,820.	Essex County Retirement	16,427.
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UNCLASSIFIED 2.01% of Total

119		285.	Central Merrimac Valley R.P.D.C.	286.
120			Regional Sch. Voc. Dist. P.C. Exp.	1,167.
121	2,502.	3,188.	Lights in Town Buildings (3,114)	3,100.
122	700.	626.	Water in Town Buildings (470.)	450.
123	866.	819.	Town Reports	900.
124	395.	352.	Memorial Day	400.
125	500.	500.	Rental American Legion Quarters	500.
126	4,522.	5,441.	Reserve Fund	(7,000)
127	7,954.	10,306.	Insurance	12,000
128	89.	80.	Tax Title Property Repairs	300



129		235.	Ambulance Service	1,000.
	<u>17,798.</u>	<u>21,832.</u>		
			<u>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED</u>	<u>20,103.</u>

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE 3.42% of Total

130	150.	150.	Water Dept. - Salary, Comms.(\$300)	150.
131	2,487.	2,421.	Superint. (\$2896)	2,650.
132	1,309.	1,401.	Clerk (1550.)	1,475.
133	16,318.	12,688.	Wages	12,387.
134	<u>15,113.</u>	<u>16,728.</u>	Expense	<u>17,650.</u>
	<u>35,377.</u>	<u>33,388.</u>		
			<u>TOTAL PUBLIC ENTERPRISES</u>	<u>34,312.</u>

CEMETERIES .62% of Total

135	6,401.	6,522.	Wages	5,000.
136	367.	400.	Clerk	400.
137	4,641.	2,725.	Expense	3,402.
	<u>(2,820.)</u>	<u>(3,402.)</u>	Less Estimated Income	<u>(2,552.)</u>
	<u>8,589.</u>	<u>6,285.</u>		
			<u>TOTAL CEMETERIES</u>	<u>6,250.</u>

MATURING DEBT & INTEREST 10.78% of Total

138		43,076.	Debt - Red Oak School	45,000.
139	17,000.	17,000.	Elementary School	17,000.
140	5,000.	5,000.	Elem. Sch. Addition	5,000.
141	4,000.	4,000.	Water Meters	4,000.
142	5,113.	37,420.	Interest - Maturing Debt.	34,970.
143	<u>965.</u>	<u>1,780.</u>	Temporary Loans	<u>1,600.</u>
	<u>32,078.</u>	<u>108,276.</u>		
			<u>TOTAL MATURING DEBT &amp; INTEREST</u>	<u>107,570.</u>

TOTAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS	1,000,821.
TOTAL RECOMMENDED SPECIAL ART.	8,157.
TOTAL RECOMMENDED TRANSFERS	26,325.

## SPECIAL ARTICLES

- Art. 1. Omnibus article on budget  
Recommended
- Art. 2. Authorization for the Town Treasurer to borrow money  
Recommended
- Art. 3. Authorization for the Town Treasurer to sell at public  
auction property taken by the Town under Tax Title  
proceedings  
Recommended
- Art. 4. Authorization for the Selectmen to sell any property  
taken by the Town until the 1969 Town Meeting  
Recommended
- Art. 5. Authorization for the Assessors to use a sum of money  
in the Treasury toward reduction of the 1968 Tax Rate  
Recommended \$20,000 (from Free Cash)
- Art. 6. Road Machinery Account  
Recommended \$4,000
- Art. 7. Thickly Settled Streets  
Recommended \$4,000
- Art. 8. Chapter 81 Highway Construction & Maintenance  
Recommended \$14,525 (App. \$5,450, Trans. S.R. \$9,075)
- Art. 9. To accept proceeds from Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1967  
(State funds used for construction of roads) Merrimac's  
share to be \$5,514.80)  
Recommended
- Art. 10. Chapter 90 Highway Construction  
Recommended \$13,000 (App. \$3,250, Trans. S.R. \$9,750)
- Art. 11. Chapter 90 Maintenance  
Recommended \$1,500 (App. \$1,000, Trans. S.R. \$500.)
- Art. 12. To transfer the sum of \$1,300 from the sale of Cemetery  
lots to "Care, Improvement & Embellishment" of cemeteries  
Recommended
- Art. 13. To appropriate a sum of money from the Electric Light  
operating balance for tax reduction for the year 1968  
Recommended \$11,665.55  
Lighting Town Bldgs. \$3,114.12  
Street lights \$8,551.43

- Art. 14. Dog license fees transferred to Library  
Recommended
- Art. 15. Accept benefits to Public Libraries  
Recommended
- Art. 16. Accept provisions of Chapter 156 of the Acts of 1967 providing for the establishment of a regional school district and the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional vocational school by the said district  
Recommended
- Art. 17. Appropriate the sum of \$1,167.00 for expenses of the Regional Vocational School District  
Recommended
- Art. 18. Hear report of the Housing Needs Committee  
Recommended
- Art. 19. Funds for preliminary planning and design of building(s) to house highway department & fire department  
Recommended \$3,500
- Art. 20. Accept a By-Law regulating pay hours of work, vacation pay and sick leave and holiday pay for town employees  
Recommended
- Art. 21. Funds for Assessors to hire a firm to update the real estate valuations in Merrimac  
Not Recommended
- Art. 22. Purchase of land for water storage tank  
Not Recommended
- Art. 23. Construct a million gallon water storage tank  
Not Recommended
- Art. 24. Purchase fire alarm equipment  
Recommended \$1,500.
- Art. 25. Accept provisions of Chapter 32B, General Laws - hospitalization, life insurance, accidental death, sickness and accident coverage for town employees  
Not Recommended
- Art. 26. Appoint committee to study feasibility of selling the light department  
Recommended



- Art. 27. Purchase Walkie-Talkie for police department  
Recommended \$657.00
- Art. 28. Purchase auxiliary engine to pump water in an emergency  
Recommended \$1,500.00
- Art. 29. Establish a Stabilization Fund under provisions of  
Section 5b, Chapter 40, G.L.  
Recommended \$15,000.
- Art. 30. Accept provisions of Section 42a through 42f, of  
Chapter 40, G.L. (collection of water bills)  
Recommended
- Art. 31. Hear report of Municipal Parking Needs Committee  
Recommended
- Art. 32. Funds to survey new site for proposed sewage disposal  
plant  
Recommended \$1,000.
- Art. 33. Transfer \$472.00 from Indian Head Park Fees to  
Indian Head Park Expense  
Recommended



FINANCE BOARD

Recap of Reserve Fund

Transferred from:

Chapter 90, Construction	\$ 500.00	
Revenue	<u>285.48</u>	\$ 785.48

Transferred to:

Assessors Expense	\$ 500.00	
Legal Expense	100.00	
Town Clerk Expense	225.00	
Police department	2,011.50	
Inspector of Plumbing	50.00	
Inspector of Sewage	150.00	
Snow & Washouts	785.30	
Insurance	1,233.00	
Interest	100.44	
Central Merrimack Valley		
Regional Planning Dist. Com.	<u>285.48</u>	\$5,440.72

Reserve Fund Balance	\$ 344.76
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Transferred to:	\$ 344.76
Surplus Revenue	<u>\$5,785.48</u>

SURPLUS REVENUE

\$ 161,599.51

Personal 1965	342.42
Personal 1966	1,057.86
Real 1966	3,614.32
Real 1967	82,311.31
Personal 1967	2,448.36
Overlay 1965	233.22
Overlay 1966	344.37
Overlay 1967	340.31
Street Lighting	<u>517.21</u>

91,209.35

Free Cash

70,390.16

Recommended to be used to reduce taxes:

Surplus Revenue	20,000.00
Street Lights, etc.	<u>11,665.57</u>
Total	<u>31,665.57</u>

Total Recommended Special Articles:

Article 19	\$ 3,500.00
" 27	1,657.00
" 24	1,500.00
" 28	1,500.00
" 32	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	<u>8,157.00</u>

Total Recommended Transfers:

Reserve Fund	7,000.00
Ch. 81	9,075.00
Ch. 90 Const.	9,750.00
Ch. 90 Maint.	<u>500.00</u>
Total	<u>26,325.00</u>

# BORROWING CAPACITY OF THE TOWN JAN. 1, 1968

## Real and Personal:

Valuation 1965, less abatements	10,985,052.00
Valuation 1966, less abatements	11,404,975.00
Valuation 1967, less abatements	11,572,432.00

## Motor Vehicles:

Valuation 1965, less abatements	960,773.00
Valuation 1966, less abatements	11,992,610.00
Valuation 1967, less abatements	1,199,260.00
Net valuation for 3 yrs., less abatements	37,321,753.00
Average valuation 3 yrs., less abatements	12,440,584.00
5% thereof (debt limit)	622,029.00

## EXISTING TOWN DEBT INSIDE DEBT LIMIT

Elelentary School (1952-\$39,000)	Bal. \$ 7,000.00
New Addition (1960- 75,000)	Bal. 40,000.00
Water Meters (1966- 40,000)	Bal. 32,000.00
Balance of Inside Debt Limit	79,000.00
Borrowing Capacity Jan. 1, 1968	543,029.00

## EXISTING TOWN DEBT

### Outside town debt limit, Principal:

Red Oak School (1964-\$785,000.)	Bal. \$740,000.00
Elementary School (1952- 300,000.)	Bal. 60,000.00
Pent. Reg. School (1968-1986 -3952,878.81)	Bal. 952,878.81

### Inside town debt limit:

Elementary School (noted above)	Bal. 40,000.00
Water Meters " "	Bal. 32,000.00
	1,824,878.81

## INTEREST ON ABOVE

Inside Debt Limit - Elementary School	\$ 150.00
Inside Debt Limit - Elementary Addition	1,387.50
Inside Debt Limit - Red Oak School	31,080.00
Outside Debt Limit- Elementary School	1,312.50
Outside Debt Limit - Pent. Reg. School	36,549.03
Outside Debt Limit - Water Meters	1,040.00
TOTAL	71,519.03

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